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At one end of the table, tennis legend Venus Williams, and at the other (see mirror), MBC President Pamela Fox, preside over a graceful fall table to celebrate the sports legend's Smyth Leadership Lecture. Guests included William's manager, Carlos Fleming (left, bottom), selected students, and the Smyth Lecture benefactors, Mary Beth Reed Smyth '47 and H. Gordon Smyth, among others.

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Words from Our President
Dr. Pamela Fox

On the chilly but sunlit late afternoon of October 11, the magic of community warmed the collective spirit of Mary Baldwin College as we gathered for the official opening of the Samuel and Ava Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement. The ceremony was driven by a simple and compelling theme: create a celebration of community. Involve our students. Orchestrate a convergence by the students marching in from the four corners of the campus. Call the convergence forth with music representing a global tradition. We had African drums, Appalchian banjo and fiddle, accordion, and other percussion instruments playing global rhythms together, and song from the Anointed Voices of Praise. Dr. Spencer delivered a moving speech directed to the hundreds of Mary Baldwin students standing before him on Page Terrace. Following the ceremony, we processed behind musicians to the Spencer Center ribbon cutting and a reception. The promise of the future was palpable as we strengthened our historic commitment to MBC women changing the world. I am still smiling from the marvel of the occasion.

This fall has been filled with exceptional opportunities. We celebrate our highest overall enrollment ever. For the third straight year we are surpassing our own historic record number of applicants. We are gaining national recognition as demonstrated by Mary Baldwin's participation in the 2007 National Survey of Student Engagement. As you will read in this issue, NSSE documents that women's colleges provide superior learning environments. MBC excels at providing what NSSE deems Enriching Educational Experiences, scoring above the high-performing women's colleges and the top 10% of all 610 participating colleges and universities in that category.

I have asked the college community to seize the urgency of opportunity before us to build upon our advantageous position and the successes of Phase I of our 10-year strategic plan. It is our creativity that drives our institutional achievement, historically and in the future. Our creativity fosters distinctions. In the next five years — a phase to invest and innovate — we will create programmatic innovations to enable us to meet our enrollment goals. I am very excited by the crucible of creative thinking that is taking place.

We are also committed to enhancing our safety and security, working closely with all Virginia higher education institutions and the Governor's Office. And we have formalized our commitment to sustainability. The Spencer Center was designed and built upon green, sustainable practices. I have signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Initiative, formally documenting Mary Baldwin's commitment to creating a sustainable environment and working toward climate neutrality.

I invite you to participate in forging the bright future before us. Thank you for your dedication and support. Be courageous. Help us innovate. ▲

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National Survey Puts MBC at Top of Class

Results from the 2007 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) — MBC's first year of participation — delivered invaluable findings. When approximately 120 Mary Baldwin College students were polled in spring 2007 for NSSE, administrators were hopeful the study would elicit useful information for the college's planning and programming. Saying they were correct is an understatement.

Some highlights were hard to miss. First and most broadly, women's colleges scored substantially higher than NSSE respondents overall (610 colleges and universities nationwide) on all five benchmarks of an engaged student body measured by the survey. On one of those benchmarks, Enriching Educational Experiences, MBC reached the top 10 percent in the nation and outperformed other schools in both of its peer groups, the high-performing cohort of women's colleges and also within small master's-level colleges and universities (defined by NSSE as "Carnegie Peers"). In addition, MBC scored in the top 50 percent in the nation in all but one of the five benchmarks.

Further investigation of NSSE data revealed that MBC seniors have a marked increase in level of engagement from MBC freshmen compared to seniors and freshmen at peer institutions. In other words, as President Pamela Fox noted in her State of the College opening address, "This is what we strive for; *this* is personal transformation." We also learned that, within the section on Enriching Educational Experiences, MBC clearly excels on questions that indicate diverse experiences and exposure to women's issues and perspectives. Continuing to mine the information will no doubt produce more connections and comparisons to guide MBC's academic and co-curricular future.

First administered in 2000, NSSE surveys seniors and freshmen to provide an estimate of how undergraduates spend their time and what they gain in knowledge and personal development by attending college. The concept is based on data indicating that students who put more time and energy into activities that matter to their education — inside and outside the classroom — take away more from their college experience than those who are not as involved. ▲

THE HEART OF THE MATTER:
The Alumnae/i Association helped MBC purchase two automated electronic defibrillators for use on campus — one portable and one located in the Physical Activities Center.

NATIONAL PREMIERE, RIGHT HERE:
MBC Theatre presented the U.S. premiere of *The Vic*, a multi-narrative play that explores the dramatic events in the lives of eight women, directed by Clinton Johnston, assistant professor of theatre.

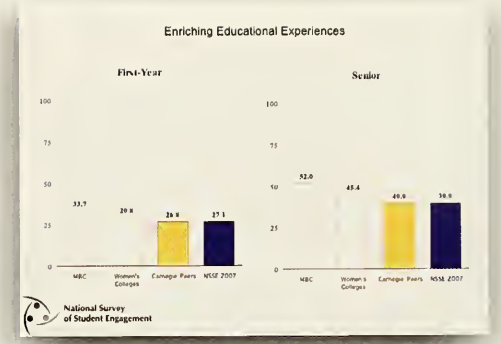
Initial NSSE findings:

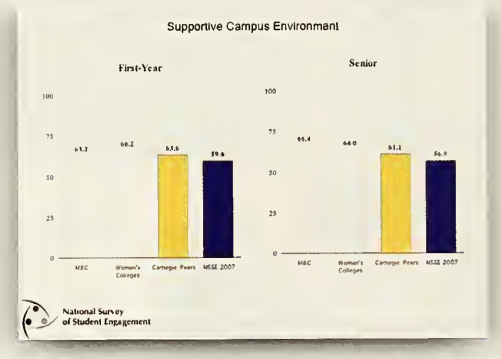
Students at women's colleges are more engaged than their peers at coeducational institutions. The 21 women's colleges included in the 2007 NSSE sample scored higher than co-ed schools on all five dimensions measured by the survey: Level of Academic Challenge, Active and Collaborative Learning, Student-Faculty Interaction, Enriching Educational Experiences, and Supportive Campus Environment. This year's data is not the first to indicate the success of women's colleges. A landmark report from Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research employed NSSE data from 2000–02 to demonstrate that students at women's colleges are more empowered for academic excellence than their peers at coeducational institutions. Women learn more about themselves, hone their quantitative analysis skills, excel in math and science at significantly higher rates, develop strong efficacy to serve their communities, work more effectively in peer groups, interact more extensively with faculty and female role models inside and outside of class, and develop stronger leadership skills, according to the survey. The study also shows that women's colleges better support diverse interactions and understanding of diversity.

MBC excels at providing Enriching Educational Experiences. Even among the high-performing women's colleges group, Mary Baldwin scored significantly higher on questions that relate to co-curricular learning, diversity experiences, internships, community service, and capstone projects. These characteristics are defined by NSSE as Enriching Educational Experiences. MBC freshmen and seniors answered affirmatively to questions such as "Had serious conversations with students of a different race or ethnicity than your own," and "Had serious conversations with students who are very different from you in terms of their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values." They also indicated in high numbers that they have done or plan to do practicum, field experience, co-op experience, or clinical assignment, and community service or volunteer work.

MBC students experience personal transformation. MBC students show a marked difference between engagement experiences between their freshman and senior years; in most cases it is a larger jump than their peers at other institutions. For example, in addition to scoring higher than our peer women's colleges and small master's-level colleges and universities in Enriching Educational Experiences in both the freshman and senior years, the relative advantage of MBC seniors is more pronounced than the advantage of MBC freshmen. In other words, Mary Baldwin students embody more of the engagement characteristics encouraged by the college as they progress.

The National Survey of Student Engagement provides MBC with concrete findings which can translate into specific progam enhancement. It also gave the college much more: That "Aha!" moment when people can see in numbers and on graphs what the college community translates to growth, engagement, and personal transformation. ▲





DIALOGUES DIG DIVERSE VOICES: Three Diversity Dialogues in the fall semester, organized by Director of African American and Multicultural Affairs Joanne Harris, offered forums for discussion of race, feminism, and sexuality.

RICHMOND CENTER RELOCATES: MBC's oldest regional center celebrated 25 years in the state capital and a move to a new location in October. The Richmond center for adult and graduate studies is now in Forest Office Park.

BENAZIR BHUTTO 1953-2007: Mary Baldwin College joins with the world in mourning the loss of a courageous, peaceful warrior for democracy, former Prime Minister of Pakistan Benazir Bhutto — who was the college's 10th Smyth Leadership Lecturer in October 2006

MBC Hits Grand Slam with

Tennis phenomenon Venus Williams, 27, brought the college's renewed focus on health and wellness into the spotlight as a larger-than-life sports legend during her appearance at MBC October 23 as the college's Smyth Leadership Lecturer.

Coached by her father, Williams turned pro at 14 and sealed her stardom with a win against one of tennis' top 10 players. She went on to capture the 2000 Wimbledon singles crown in a victory over top-seeded Lindsay Davenport, and won Wimbledon doubles championships with her sister and partner, Serena. Two months later, Venus Williams became the second woman ever to win gold medals in singles and doubles at the 2000 Olympic Games. In February 2002, Williams became the first African-American woman to be ranked number one on the World Tennis Association Tour. This summer, Williams won her fourth Wimbledon title — a feat previously accomplished only by Martina Navratilova, Steffi Graf, and Billie Jean King. To make her achievement even more poignant, her victory fell on the 50th anniversary of the first Wimbledon win by an African-American woman, Althea Gibson.

Venus Williams is best known for her work on courts around the world, but she has also been public about her dissatisfaction with female compensation versus that of males. *Newsweek* reported in its August 20, 2007 issue that "for the first

MBC VETERANS HONORED: There was no WWII Corps of Cadets when retired Army Maj. Tracey Cones '82 and current member of MBC's Board of Trustees and retired Army Col. Melissa Patrick '78 attended MBC, but they were honored by the corps and given front lawn seats for the Staunton Veterans Day parade.

PROMOTING 'BROTHERLY' LOVE: Greek Cypriot Dr. Harry Anastasiou, faculty member in Portland State University's Conflict Resolution graduate program and the elder brother of MBC's Andreas Anastasiou, associate professor of psychology, explored how religion contributes to conflict and how religion becomes a catalyst for peace. Anastasiou has played a lead role in a citizen-based peace movement between Greek and Turkish Cypriots.

Clockwise from bottom left on page 6: Williams met with senior Mary Baldwin athletes and Sports Information Director Donna Miller (far right); Williams flanked by lecture benefactors Mary Beth Reed Smyth '47 and husband and former trustee H. Gordon Smyth; Williams addressing the packed house at First Presbyterian Church; the tennis superstar holds the attention of media in a post-lecture press conference; Williams' vibrant personality and easygoing speaking style invited the audience into her world.

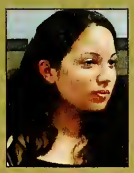
Venus Williams on Campus

time in the history of women's singles at Wimbledon, Williams' prize, $1.4 million, was the same as that of her male counterpart. Equal pay has been an ongoing crusade for Williams, who wrote an op-ed in *The Times* of London and delivered an impassioned speech on the subject at the All England Club. "I asked them to imagine their daughters out there," she says, "playing equally hard as men and not getting the same reward."

Williams, also an entrepreneur, started her own interior design business, V Starr Interiors, and created a clothing line, EleVen by Venus.

The Smyth Leadership Lecture Series is made possible by the Smyth Foundation, an organization established by former Mary Baldwin College Trustee H. Gordon Smyth and his wife Mary Beth Reed Smyth '47. The Smyths have long supported education, leadership, culture, and historical preservation in Staunton and beyond. Through the lecture series, the Smyths give Mary Baldwin students and the community privileged access to inspirational female leaders.

Sports Illustrated Woman of the Year. ESPY's Best Female Tennis Player and Best Female Athlete. One of *Ladies' Home Journal's* 30 Most Powerful Women in America. And in 2007, Mary Baldwin College's Smyth Leadership Lecturer. An embodiment of so many of the characteristics to which MBC women aspire. Venus Williams. ▲



HOMELESSNESS HITS HOME:
PEG Stephanie Klusmann '11, who was once homeless, put a face on the nationwide crisis during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. She also has a Web site to raise awareness: *www.projectstreet.org.* A Hunger Banquet and sleep-out on the President's House lawn helped the MBC community understand the magnitude of the issue.

POVERTY PROVIDES PURPOSE:
New minors in U.S. poverty analysis and global poverty and development draw on existing courses and resources for fields of study with local and international relevance.

FLYING HIGH:
Katrina Litchford '11, a WWIL cadet, was awarded Outstanding Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadet in Virginia and recognized as the top physical fitness PT Challenge cadet in the state. She also received the Commander's Commendation letter as a colonel in CAP.

Programs and Ideas Come to Life Through

"Dr. Samuel R. Spencer Jr., for whom the new Center for Civic and Global Engagement is named, spoke directly to students and informed them of the reasons MBC initiated the venture. 'Your world is expanding by unheard of proportions, and the college recognizes the demands of this new, huge world.' The former president and civic leader also emphasized that the new center is 'an academic gift to all students' to expand their world and to 'go to the ends of the Earth.'"

— From a news article Elizabeth Dattilio '09, for MBC Media Writing

People at Spencer Center Opening October 11, 2007

Music that made hearts beat in unison and a visceral energy swept across the lower historic campus in and around Page Terrace October 11, inviting students, faculty, staff, and visitors to opening ceremonies for the college's Samuel and Ava Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement. The eclectic combination of sounds of banjo, fiddle, accordion, African drums and other percussion instruments, pulsed through the crowd. Student groups wound down hillside steps from all directions of the globe to unite in listening to Center namesake Dr. Samuel Spencer. Mayor of Staunton Lacy King and Delegate Chris Saxman R-Staunton spoke of their own personal and longtime connections with the college. MBC President Pamela Fox wore a striking gold-and-orange-hued Indian robe and Interim Dean of the College Edward Scott was garbed in white and gold African cloth. Anointed Voices of Praise lifted spirits higher with song, before everyone attending left Page Terrace and made their way up the hill to the new Center for a ribbon cutting and reception. The community joyfully celebrated the new headquarters for its multi-layered civic and global programs and projects.

L to r: Board of Trustees Chair Louise McNamee '70, Ava Spencer, MBC President Pamela Fox, Dr. Samuel R. Spencer Jr., and Interim Dean of the College Edward Scott applaud the opening of Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement.

Renovation of the Spencer Center has been on the fast track since it was first announced in April 2007. The Center's location in Consuelo Slaughter Wenger Hall is part of the vision detailed in the campus master plan for a central hub of student life that will include social activities, dining, student organizations, daily business, and student life staff. In keeping with its new commitment to climate neutrality, the renovation was accomplished in accordance with many of the environmental LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards, based on the design by Geier Brown Renfrow Architects.

Seven individuals are most directly connected with the leadership at the Center, infusing it with multicultural perspectives and civic involvement. Beyond the circular foyer decorated with flags from around the world and pictures of the MBC community engaged in service, two key people make the Spencer Center tick: Director of Civic Engagement Julie Shepherd and Director of International Programs Heather Ward. Faculty-member-in-residence Assistant Professor of Communication Bruce Dorries, artists-in-residence Srinivas Krishnan and Claudia Bernardi, faculty fellow Professor of Philosophy Roderic Owen, and staff fellow Andrea Cornett-Scott, associate vice president for enrollment, enrich the Center's makeup with projects, resources, and events. ▲

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Voices of Art, Academia, Civic Engagement Converse on Campus

Founders Day Speaker

Mary Morrison '95, Clinton Global Initiative Director of Membership

Mary Morrison '95 wants people to know that the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) is "an ongoing partnership of global leaders who are working on some of the world's most pressing challenges."Morrison spoke about Living in a More Integrated Global Community as Mary Baldwin College's Founders Day speaker October 4. She is employed by the William J. Clinton Foundation, which supports CGI.

In 2005, Morrison was named one of New York City's event planners of the year by *BizBash Magazine* for planning a three-day CGI assembly. Among the participants for the 2007 convention were Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and previous speaker at MBC; bestselling author Toni Morrison; Shimon Peres, president of Israel; and media mogul Ted Turner. The organization boasts nearly 1,000 members, and Morrison works to recruit new faces — primarily heads of state from around the world.

As an MBC student, Morrison designed an independent major in international business. An internship in the Clinton White House after graduation set her career path. She went to work as deputy director of Oval Office operations, and stayed on Clinton's staff when he left office. She signed on in April 2004 to manage the CGI conference. Visit the organization online at *www.clintonglobalinitiative.org*.

Elizabeth Kirpatrick Doenges Visiting Artist/Scholar

Judith Blau, professor of sociology at University of North Carolina

Judith Blau's official title at University of North Carolina is professor of sociology, but if "human rights activist" were part of people's academic identification, it would suit her even better. President of the U.S. chapter of Sociologists Without Borders and co-editor of that organization's journal, *Societies Without Borders*, Blau visited campus in October and will be back to teach a May Term course when she will guide students in rewriting the constitution to include human rights.

"By its very nature, human rights is interdisciplinary," reads Blau's Web page at UNC. As chair of the undergraduate minor in social and economic justice at UNC and in her previous professional appointments, Blau has examined sociological trends from unique angles in a variety of environments. The titles of books she has authored and edited — not to mention articles, chapters, presentations, and invited talks — demonstrate her range, from *Professions and Urban Form* to *Human Rights: Beyond the Liberal Vision*.

Blau has worked for human rights and done sociological study internationally as well. In the last decade, she traveled to Puerto Rico via a grant from UNC's center for international studies, worked on a study of rural black women in Peru through a grant from the National Science Foundation, and participated in World Social Forum Workshops in Nairobi,

Fulbright Visitors Share Scholarship from Egypt, Oman

Mary Baldwin College welcomed two accomplished young women to campus through the Fulbright program for 2007–08. Heba Mahmoud Abdel-Naby of Egypt teaches and gives presentations as a visiting scholar, and Omani master's degree candidate Ibtihaj Al-Araimi serves as foreign language teaching assistant in Arabic this year.

Educated at Alexandria University in Egypt, Abdel-Naby teaches Islamic civilization at that institution and specializes in Islamic art and architecture. Abdel-Naby's fall course at MBC, Art and Architecture of the Islamic World, filled rapidly, illustrating students' desire for courses that explore subjects outside the United States and Europe, said faculty contact Marlena Hobson, associate professor of art. In the spring, she will teach Islamic Architecture in Cairo at MBC and work on a research project about American perspectives on Islamic culture and the influence of

Mary Morrison '95 Judith Blau Carole Levin

among other international experiences.

Blau was in Staunton October 17–20 to give a public talk titled "Human Rights and the U.S. Constitution." She will return to campus in April for a May Term course that examines constitutional protections of human rights.

Elizabeth Kirpatrick Doenges Visiting Artist/Scholar

Carole Levin, Willa Cather Professor of History at University of Nebraska

Having addressed a large audience as Mary Baldwin's 2007 Commencement speaker, Carole Levin returned to campus in November as a Doenges Visiting Scholar to present a lecture open to the campus and community.

The meaning and use of dreams in 16th- and 17th-century England is the topic of Levin's recent research as a year-long fellow at the prestigious Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington DC. Books she has authored, such as *The Reign of Elizabeth I* and *The Heart and Stomach of a King: Elizabeth I and the Politics of Sex and Power*, and articles "The Taming of the Queen: Foxe's Katherine and Shakespeare's Kate," among others, reveal her broader interest in advancing feminist thought.

Levin earned her undergraduate degree at Southern Illinois University, and her master's degree and PhD in history from Tufts University. Her specializations in late Medieval and Early Modern England and Europe and in women's history combine with an unmistakable passion for teaching to create bridges between her scholarship and students. "Questions that students have asked me have opened up new topics for class lectures and discussions; they have also led to research and public talks," she said.

Levin has also published numerous articles on Shakespeare's characters and works and counts the editing of several books in her career credits. Her expertise has led to interviews on National Public Radio and televised segments on CNN. Levin has been a visiting scholar at Middle Tennessee State University, a fellow at the Newberry Library, a distinguished professor at University of North Carolina in Asheville, and a National Endowment for the Humanities fellow at University of Virginia.

The Doenges series was established by friends and family in 1996 in memory of Elizabeth "Liddy" Kirkpatrick Doenges '63 to bring distinguished professionals and scholars in the visual and literary arts, criticism, and analysis to MBC annually.

Susan Paul Firestone Lecturer in Contemporary Art

Janine Antoni, sculptor and performance artist

Janine Antoni has a way of transforming eating, bathing, weaving, and other everyday activities into mesmerizing works of art. The New York City-based artist has gnawed giant pieces of lard and chocolate, washed away the faces of soap busts made in her likeness, and made a rope from personal materials collected from friends and family. When she visits in spring 2008, the Bahamian-born contemporary artist gives life to the second year of the Firestone Lecture, named for artist, art therapist, and psychotherapist Susan Paul Firestone '68.

It's not only the piece produced at the end of the process Antoni is interested in sharing. "I sort of backed into performance," she said in a 2003 interview for a PBS series "Art 21: Art in the Twenty-First Century." "I was doing work that was about process, about the meaning of the making, trying to have a love-hate relationship with the object. I always feel safer when I can bring the viewer back to the making of it." Antoni will have the opportunity to explain the importance of process during a public discussion and classroom work and critiques with students during her three-day residency in spring semester.

Antoni has exhibited at the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, and the Irish Museum of Modern Art in Dublin. She is the recipient of several prestigious awards including a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellowship and the Larry Aldrich Foundation Award.

The Firestone lecture series was initiated through the generosity of Ray A. Graham III and continues with the support of individual donors committed to bringing significant visual artists and art critics to campus. ▲

heritage tourism in Egypt.

Al-Araimi's role in the classroom at MBC is similar to her experience teaching English in high schools in her country. She graduated in 2005 from Sultan Qaboos University in Oman with a bachelor's degree in education and English language. After her yearlong assistantship in the U.S., she plans to return to that university to earn a master's degree and PhD on her way to becoming a university professor in Oman. "She is looking forward to the opportunity to teach Arabic to English speakers, improving her command of the English language, and learning new teaching methods that will help her in her career," said Ivy Arbulú, associate professor of Spanish and coordinator of Al-Araimi's visit.

International visitors and programs, such as Fulbright scholars, now have a new central contact at the Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement. Director of International Programs Heather Ward said Fulbright visitors put Mary Baldwin College on the map for scholars from around the world who are interested in cultivating a more peaceful and cooperative world. "Not only do they enhance the growing culture of international engagement on the Mary Baldwin campus, but their visits open doors for Mary Baldwin students and faculty to study and teach abroad," she said.

Orientation 'Wows' Record Number of New Students

"We had four days to 'Wow' incoming freshmen," said Melinda Brown, director of MBC's First Year Experience. "Students who have a positive Orientation experience are more likely to 'find themselves' at MBC, and we believe those first few days are key to retention."

Brown and her team of 24 student leaders launched a successful introduction to college infused with the college's cross-curricular theme, Voices, beginning August 23. The freshmen class take on the college-wide theme, "Many Voices, One Song," highlighted the individuality of each student and united them through the verses of *A Hymn for Mary Baldwin,* the unofficial alma mater that will, in a few years, become as familiar to them as the verses of *Happy Birthday.*

"A crucial part of our job is in those first few days, but the responsibility of an Orientation leader extends beyond that, too," said Sam Skiba '10, a first-time Orientation leader. "Orientation made my adjustment to college much easier. I continued to run into my Orientation leader throughout the year, particularly when I got involved in campus organizations. I will encourage my group members to be involved, too."

More than 300 new students got a glimpse of Staunton's arts and cultural scene with a performance of *Love's Labour's Lost* at Blackfriars Playhouse and were treated to two firsts in the Orientation line-up: a Diversity Dinner and "College Rocks," a performance by national campus motivator Elaine Penn. The Orientation Diversity Dinner featured international dishes and set the stage for Diversity Dialogues that were hosted throughout the fall semester by Joanne Harris, director of African-American and Multicultural Affairs. "College Rocks" is one of the most requested performances by one of the most popular campus motivational speakers in the nation, and audience members were involved as performers and judges while Penn addressed issues faced by college students through her version of "American Idol."

Community service participation began during Orientation this year, introducing new students to MBC's commitment to service learning and the creation of the Samuel and Ava Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement. Students volunteered at the local SPCA, New Directions Center, Salvation Army, and YMCA, all activities aimed at encouraging four years of community participation.

Aspects of the Mary Baldwin College Advantage (MBCA) were woven into Orientation activities. MBC 101, a course for freshmen that started in 2006, reinforces the MBCA through weekly meetings with staff and upperclass peer advisors during fall and spring semesters. ▲

MBC by the Numbers:

Recording Record Enrollment

Enrollment figures for the 2007–08 academic year make it clear that we've set several records for student numbers, including the largest pool of applicants. MBC set a new record with 1,485 applications for admission in 2006, and exceeded that goal this year, reaching 1,625 applicants. Here is the Registrar's Office's official tally:

TOTAL: 2,254
(previous record 2,242 in 2003)

Residential College for Women: 807
(including PEG and WIL)

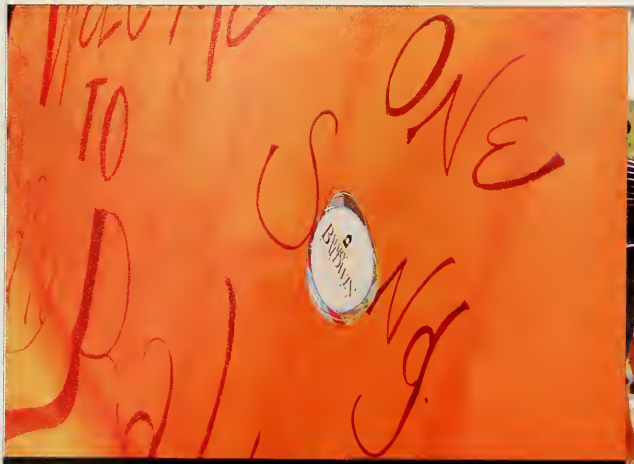
- Program for the Exceptionally Gifted: 67
- Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership: 110

Adult Degree Program: 1,268
(previous record 1,222 in 1999)

Master of Arts in Teaching: 125

Master of Letters: 35

Master of Fine Arts: 19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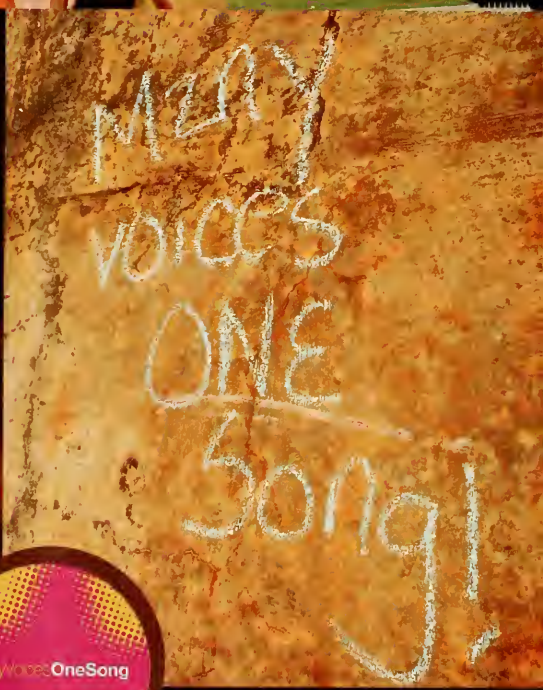
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Voices Rise from Around the College

The word "voices" invokes many images and sounds, making it a natural as the college-wide theme this year to help establish local and global links within the framework of the Quality Enhancement Plan, *Learning for Civic Engagement in a Global Context*. The theme creates a relationship between courses, a common thread, not unlike the way some colleges and universities use a novel to connect studies in a given year. The 2007–08 theme was proposed by the President's Council on Diversity and Inclusive Community and approved by faculty in January 2007. In future years, the faculty's Educational Policy Committee will propose new annual themes. This is a sampling of how Voices is uniting and enriching the MBC community.

- History major Jillian Hartley '08 is using the Margarett Kable Russell Award for 2007–08 to work on a project titled "Mary Baldwin College as We Were: An Oral History Project." She will interview Mary Baldwin alumnae/i from the 1940s through the 1990s to learn how social activities and traditions have evolved.
- Several faculty members are lending their voices to Speak Up!, a series of conversations that connect first-year students with faculty outside of a classroom. Organized by Director of the First Year Experience Melinda Brown and held in residence halls that primarily house freshmen, Speak Up! presenters share their passions, from marathon running to environmentalism to intercultural communication.
- The emotionally-charged baritone of Dr. Edward Scott, interim dean of the college, once again treated Honor Scholar students to a performance of Homer's *Iliad* as part of their Bailey Colloquium course.
- The voices of MBC singers joined those of Srinivas Krishnan and other international vocalists and musicians in "Step by Step with India," a rousing public concert that included hymns, traditional Indian music, and *sollukattu*, rhythmic chanting.
- The 11@250 project, an idea that has been simmering in the Department of Art and Art History Department for a few years, will further explore the identity of Staunton, a community that lies at the intersection of major commerce routes 11 and 250. Under the umbrella of 11@250, Pinhole Photography in May Term 2006 engaged students in interpreting the concepts of community, communication, and collaboration. An ongoing extension of 11@250 is an interdisciplinary text project, which investigates the ways individuals, groups, and institutions in Staunton use text to communicate, tell stories, imagine, share, create, understand, and identify.
- The fall theatre production of *Lysistrata*, an anti-war Greek comedy penned by Aristophanes, is a classic study in how playwrights embody their voices in plot, character, and language, and the voices that male playwrights give to female characters. Director and Professor Virginia Francisco '64 was aided by translator Sarah Ruden, who came to see the production. A classics scholar, poet, Quaker, and Yale Divinity fellow shared the 1,029 readings of the play were given in 59 countries, including Iraq, on March 3, 2003, to protest "Bush's war." She also said, "The play remains a means of women's expression of political dissent."
- MBC's voice of democracy, student Senate, began meeting in September, filling Francis Auditorium with the empowerment of the student body. ▲

President's 'State of the College' Rallies MBC to Celebrate, Create

The announcement of two recent gifts to the college totaling more than $2 million inspired a buoyant and celebratory tone for Mary Baldwin College President Pamela Fox's fifth state of the college address August 22, the official marker of the start of the 2007–08 academic year.

"Over the past three years, the successes of Phase I [of the college's strategic plan] have reinforced and revitalized our college. Today we enjoy the stunning restored beauty of the campus, value the quality of our communications materials, and benefit from increasing opportunities for collaboration with colleagues," Fox said, going on to detail recent accomplishments and outline future goals in relation to its 10-year plan, *Composing Our Future*.

Phase II of *Composing Our Future* issues a call to "Invest and Innovate," and momentum is already growing with significant gifts and pledges from two MBC alumnae. Mary Baldwin Board of Trustees Chair Louise McNamee '70 and husband, Peter McHugh, demonstrated their confidence in the college's plans and leadership with a $1.12 million commitment that will provide both unrestricted funds and enhance scholarship endowments. Longtime supporters Anna Kate '63 and Hayne Hipp solidified their place among the college's leading donors with an unrestricted $1 million gift that will be employed to fund recruiting for the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted and Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership, among other initiatives related to "Invest and Innovate."

Read the full text of President Fox's state of the college address: *www.mbc.edu/college/stateofcollege_aug07.asp* ▲

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Phase I Reinforce and Revitalize

Make Personal Transformation Our Priority

- Increased applications, enrollment, and retention: highest number of applications for two consecutive years; ADP enrollment up 19 percent; MAT enrollment up 25 percent; retention up 10 percentage points in Residential College for Women
- Launched the Mary Baldwin College Advantage (MBCA)
- Developed Quality Enhancement Plan for reaffirmation of accreditation by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Designed and planned opening of Samuel R. and Ava Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement; civic engagement in every major
- Accepted in the USA South athletic conference

Sharpen Our Focus on Academic Excellence

- Established Capstone Festival
- Revised General Education curriculum
- Increased Fulbright awards for faculty and recent alumnae; hosted Fulbright scholars and teachers *(see page 10)*; guests from around the globe including Mary Robinson, Benazir Bhutto, Claudia Bernardi, and Srinivas Krishnan

Unite and Enrich Our Community

- Celebrated anniversaries of signature programs: ADP, 30 years; PEG, 20 years; Quest, 10 years; African-American and Multicultural Affairs, 10 years
- Increased national rankings and recognition *(see pages 4 and 9)*
- Community partnerships: Teaching American History grant, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration grants involving local teachers; American Shakespeare Center collaboration and graduation of the first MFA students
- Drafted and adopted a college-wide statement of inclusivity
- Established Class Leadership program within the Alumnae/i Association
- Cross-college collaboration via President's Advisory Team, President's Council on Diversity and Inclusive Community, and MBC Advantage task forces

Renew Our Environment

- Campus-wide wireless network completed
- Deferred maintenance reduced and restoration progressing
- Completed two phases of *Transforming Our Environment*, the campus master plan

Fund Our Future

- Improved financial chemistry, including balanced budgets, refinanced long-term debt, and earned a higher Composite Financial Index
- Increased Annual Fund donor participation and giving
- Significant progress toward Bertie Deming Smith's '46 $6.5 million challenge

GOALS: Phase II Invest and Innovate

- Open Samuel R. and Ava Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement (see page 8)
- Renovate Pearce Science Center
- Continue to increase recruitment and retention to grow Residential College for Women to 1,000 students, including growth of Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership to 200 and Program for the Exceptionally Gifted to 100
- Strengthen Global Honors Scholars program
- Open a sixth regional center for adult and graduate programs
- Consider new graduate programs in partnership with the undergraduate curriculum and consider developing degree programs that combine bachelor's and master's completion in a single track
- Complete Smith Challenge ($750,000) by June 30, 2008 to help toward the overall Annual Fund goal of $2.5 million.

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Mary Baldwin Stands Tall in National Venues

National recognition of Mary Baldwin, one of the objectives of the college's 10-year strategic plan, *Composing Our Future*, is gaining momentum. Important for increasing MBC's name recognition to create a larger pool of applicants and to bring attention to the college's unique educational experience, here are a few national highlights:

The Washington Post

www.washingtonpost.com

Imagine that before you've even stepped foot on campus, a story about you going to college appears in a local newspaper and is picked up by print and broadcast media across the nation. You are only 13 years of age. During summer 2007, that is just what happened to Jackie Robson, who entered MBC's Program for the Exceptionally Gifted (PEG) this fall. Her story caught the attention of *The Washington Post* national education reporter Maria Glod, who came to campus to see the program firsthand, primarily through the eyes of Robson. Glod and photographer Linda Davidson attended classes with Robson, visited her room in the PEG Center, and joined her for lunch in the Dining Hall over several days in September. Reporter and photographer also spent time with other PEG students, some of whom are also included in the printed story.

"Trading the Prom for Descartes" appeared Sunday, December 2 in *The Washington Post*, on the front page of the Metro section. The Sunday edition is said to have a circulation of nearly one million — not including the number of people who view stories on their Web site, which, in this case, also featured a color photo gallery titled "Young, Gifted, and Skipping High School."

PEG Director Stephanie Ferguson said their office received phone calls, emails, and a rare mid-year applicant within a few days of the story's publication. You can link to the story online via Mary Baldwin's Web site news page at *www.mbc.edu/news*.

U.S. News & World Report

www.usnews.com

In its sixth year of classification as a master's-level university, Mary Baldwin College continued to climb toward the top of the list of the best colleges and universities in the South by *U.S. News & World Report*. Moving up eight spots since 2005, MBC is number 23 in a pool of 119 ranked schools in the region.

"Mary Baldwin College's incredible dedication to providing personalized and transforming education for women cannot easily be captured in rankings. However, the hallmarks of our success have helped us continue to rise in *U.S. News*' annual report," said MBC President Pamela Fox.

The percentage of Mary Baldwin freshmen who were in the top 25 percent of their high school classes rose significantly from 29 percent in fall 2005 to 43 percent in 2006, contributing to the rising ranking, according to the report. Student-to-faculty ratio (10:1) and average class size (63 percent with 20 students or fewer) are lower than most schools in the group. Other criteria include retention rate, graduation rate, and average alumnae/i giving rate.

Colleges of Distinction

www.collegesofdistinction.com

Mary Baldwin College learned in early 2007 that it is one in a group of fewer than 300 schools in the country named as a national College of Distinction, a new effort to highlight schools that "consistently excel in providing undergraduate education," according to the group's Web site. The site and an upcoming inaugural guidebook will focus on "four pillars of a solid undergraduate education: student engagement in the educational process, great teaching, vibrant learning communities, and successful outcomes," said Wes Creel, president of the sponsoring organization Student Horizons.

"This recognition is particularly gratifying because these elements of a liberal education are written in what [MBC Board of Trustees] Chair Louise McNamee '70 calls our 'institutional DNA' — they are not only critically important to MBC's success but also a defining part of who we are," said Fox. "Judged by the qualities we hold dear, Mary Baldwin shines." ▲

Steelman and Barton Add Dimension to Board of Trustees

Four new members joined the Mary Baldwin College Board of Trustees in 2007. This issue and the summer 2008 issue of The Mary Baldwin College Magazine *will each feature profiles of two of those new appointees. We hope you enjoy learning what is behind their membership and connection with MBC.*

Science Became Steelman's Passion at MBC

Imagine your great-grandfather is local legend Captain William Kable, founder of Staunton Military Academy and the person for whom MBC's Kable Residence Hall and Kable House are named. Your grandmother, Margarett Kable Russell, graduated from Mary Baldwin College in 1902 and set a standard for leadership and civic engagement as an early organizer of MBC's alumnae/i association and the first woman on the college's Board of Trustees. Nearly half a century after her grandmother was handed her diploma, Janet Russell Steelman '52 took her first look at Mary Baldwin as a student, and she felt every bit of the responsibility of upholding her family's legacy.

Although Steelman admits to a rocky start, the retired genetic toxicology research associate and project manager for a major pharmaceutical company has had little trouble adding to the family narrative. "Life has been good to me through the years," she said. Steelman has served MBC as alumnae class secretary, class agent, member of the Advisory Board of Visitors and Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors, and contributor to fundraising efforts and an important lecture series named in honor of her a favorite professor, Mary E. Humphreys. A New Jersey transport who settled in Lottsburg, Virginia, Steelman dives into projects in her community, too. She helped landscape public buildings as past president of Virginia Master Gardeners, volunteers with Meals on Wheels, co-chaired the fundraising committee for a local hospital, and served as docent at Reedville Fisherman's Museum. Her recent appointment as a member of the MBC Board of Trustees, following the lead set by her grandmother in 1934, marks a continuing legacy and a heartfelt commitment.

What was your first impression of MBC? In 1948, when I first set foot on campus, I was in awe, and scared, and very concerned that I would not live up to my parents' and my grandmother's expectation of me.

What were your reasons for saying "yes" when accepting membership on the Board? I have always felt indebted to MBC, so when I was asked to take on a leadership role, I accepted, hoping I will be able to repay MBC for what its done for me. MBC taught me how to be a leader and what my talents were — at a time when I wasn't sure I had any. My grandmother, Margarett Kable Russell (Class of 1902), was an MBC trustee when I was a freshman. I had a great admiration for her, and I wanted to earn her respect and get to know her better.

What aspect of the strategic plan are you most interested to see develop? I am very interested in the growth of the science program.

How will you support MBC's focus on civic engagement and global citizenship? I have been blessed to be able to give back to my college and community in many ways, from volunteering in a hospital bacteriology lab to gardening clubs to serving on Mary Baldwin College committees. I have always let my interests guide my community service, and I will be able to more fully answer this question when I learn more about MBC's goals related to civic and global engagement.

Would you recommend MBC to your family and friends? Yes. I have recommended MBC to our granddaughter, Rachel Bradley. At age 16, she isn't sure right now about her college options, but hopefully I can convince her Mary Baldwin is right for her, as it was for me. She is bright and would be an excellent MBC student.

What did you want to be when you were in college? I went to college because my parents wanted me to — I wanted to join the Navy. At that time, I really had no idea what I wanted to be. Dr. Mary Humphreys [professor emerita of biology] and Dr. Lillian Thomsen [former professor of biology] cornered me during my sophomore year and convinced me I needed to change my major to science and get my academics in shape ... I was barely passing. I thank God for these two concerned professors. I loved science — earned good grades, and, upon graduation, worked at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. After marrying and starting a family, I volunteered in the histology/bacteriology lab at Grand View Hospital in Pennsylvania. It paved my way to a wonderful position at McNeil Pharmaceutical 18 years later.

Why is it important for every alumna/us to support MBC? A college cannot grow on tuition alone. We must contribute what we can to ensure its future.

Barton's MBC Connection Began With Daughter

When first contacted about his appointment to the Mary Baldwin College Board of Trustees, IBM executive Thomas Bryan Barton thought it unlikely that readers would be interested in his life, ambitions, and work, but we begged to differ. Barton's military service, round-the-globe travel, community service as a mentor to the Student Government Association at James Madison High School in Vienna, Virginia, and many other traits and activities indicate that he has much to share. A resident of Oakton, Virginia, Barton also works with Volunteer Fairfax on one of its biggest projects — delivering backpacks loaded with toys and school supplies to needy children during the winter holiday season. Barton is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute and has completed professional development courses at University of Virginia's Darden School of Business Administration and at the Wharton School.

What was your first impression of MBC? My first recollection of Mary Baldwin College was as a young man on my way to matriculate at VMI in 1964. Later, I learned more about the college while visiting my future wife's family on Taylor Street. I was impressed by the striking architecture and beauty within the hills. Over the years, as our daughter, Ann, Class of 2002, became interested in enrolling, I came to know that it was a first-rate college because of the people I knew who attended it, and I realized how fortunate Staunton is to have such a college at its core.

What were your reasons for saying "yes" when accepting membership on the Board? My true involvement with MBC began when our daughter matriculated. My wife, Mary Ann, and I served as members of the Parent's Council and on the President's Executive Council. I continued my relationship with the college as a member of the Advisory Board of Visitors. Accepting the invitation to a position on the Board of Trustees was a natural extension of my connection to the students and faculty of MBC.

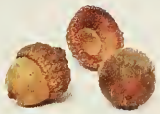
What are you most eager to learn more about as a new board member? I'm looking forward to being involved in a different capacity with MBC as a Board member. My specific areas of interest are recruiting and retention of high-quality students and faculty and the campus master plan to upgrade the facilities.

How will you support MBC's focus on civic engagement and global citizenship? I've been involved in international work as an IBM executive since 1977. I work closely with the company's employees and clients in Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, and North America, through which I developed a strong sense of global community. I have spoken to MBC students in classes about international marketing and business ethics, and I hope to continue to share my experience in that way.

Would you recommend MBC to your family and friends? I can't officially take credit for Ann becoming interested in attending MBC, but the exposure she got while roaming the campus when visiting her grandparents was probably a big influence on her decision. Because we knew of the quality of the college, we certainly encouraged her when she expressed her interest.

What did you want to be when you were in college? I was a science major at VMI — primarily interested in the biological sciences — and I had an interest in military service. I had not considered a position with IBM, but the company was looking for young people trained in math and science who had a government work background. I had completed three years of active duty in the Army and started my professional life as a marketing manager for the Army, Navy, Air Force, and NASA. I had known for years that I did not desire to be a lab scientist, so I took the opportunity to do something different with my science degree. The journey has been amazing. It has afforded me the opportunity to work with amazing people around the world. As vice president and partner of IBM global business services, my business travel in the past year has included work in France, Bulgaria, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Russia, China, Singapore, Australia, and Japan.

Why is it important for every alumna/us to support MBC? As a graduate of Virginia Military Institute, I have a clear sense of the importance of alumni involvement in the operation and direction of the institution. Staying connected and involved by supporting students and faculty is critical. I believe the same is true for MBC. ▲



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Notable Achievements

Andreas Anastasiou was awarded tenure and named associate professor of psychology.

Bruce Dorries, assistant professor of communication, was awarded tenure.

Ralph Cohen, professor of English, named MBC's Virginia Worth Gonder Fellow for 2007–08.

Susan Blair Green was named professor of English.

Robert Grotjohn was named professor of English.

Louise Freeman was awarded tenure and named associate professor of psychology.

Sarah Kennedy, associate professor of English, was awarded tenure.

Daniel Métraux, professor of Asian studies, was elected to the governing board of Central Virginia Chapter of the Fulbright Association.

Lundy Pentz, associate professor of biology, was named a scientific review administrator for the Army Prostate Cancer Research Program.

Daniel Stuhlsatz was awarded tenure and named associate professor of sociology.

New PEG Director Nurtures Her (Gifted) Nature

After earning a bachelor's degree in education from Millersville University in Pennsylvania, **Stephanie Ferguson** began teaching middle and high school reading and English in Pennsylvania and, later, Louisiana. Six years into her teaching career, she found a position working with gifted children grades 6–8 and got her first glimpse of Mary Baldwin's Program for the Exceptionally Gifted (PEG) from a brochure brought to her by a student.

Ferguson was working on a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Southeastern Louisiana University at the time, and she investigated PEG while she focused on gifted studies as a concentration for her degree. She completed her doctorate — also with a concentration in gifted studies — at University of Southern Mississippi. Her dissertation on moral development and self-concept among gifted residential high school students explored many of the elements present in MBC's program.

Ferguson has done extensive research on social and emotional issues of gifted students, some of which has been published in her book, *Social and Emotional Teaching Strategies*, as well as in a textbook chapter, "Affective Education: Addressing the Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted Students in the Classroom," and several journal and newsletter articles.

PEG's long term goals include increasing the number of students in the program from about 75 to 100, and Ferguson plans to continue looking for new and innovative funding sources that could tailor the program to students' interests and most critical services. She is also eager to investigate the possibility of creating PEG academies offering dual enrollment with local schools through some of MBC's regional centers.

Menzer Embraces MLitt/MFA Leadership

"I go way back with Shenandoah Shakespeare [now American Shakespeare Center]," said **Paul Menzer**, who met Ralph Cohen, founding director of that troupe and professor of English at Mary Baldwin College, in 1990. Menzer was working at the nationally renowned Folger Shakespeare Library. "As I started my first full professorship in the English department at University of North Texas, I became increasingly jealous of all the Shakespeare action developing hundreds of miles away in Staunton."

In July, Menzer came back to the Bard and to the Valley, where he had resided in the early 1990s to work with Shenandoah Shakespeare Express (SSE). He succeeded Frank Southerington, the first and only director of MBC's graduate program that carries a mouthful of a title — Master of Letters and Master of Fine Arts in Shakespeare and Renaissance Literature in Performance, or, more briefly, MLitt/MFA.

Menzer earned a bachelor's degree from University of Maryland and a master's degree from Georgetown University, both in English, and taught the subject for five years at University of North Texas prior to joining MBC. He earned a PhD in Renaissance literature at University of Virginia and served as director of development for SSE and as managing director of Folger Library's scholarly journal *Shakespeare Quarterly*. Menzer has also maintained membership on the Shenandoah Shakespeare-turned-American Shakespeare Center board of directors since 1997.

Specific goals for the program are under development, and Menzer would like to continue reaching out to performance-based organizations and institutions, and increase the number of faculty to promote team-teaching, accessibility, and continuity.

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PEG Research Sets Model for Early College Entrance Programs

Elizabeth Connell '92 moved on from her position as director of Mary Baldwin College's Program for the Exceptionally Gifted (PEG), but her connection with the college remains intact as she continues work on a study about attrition in the program. The research, funded by a $9,950 grant from the University of Iowa's Belin-Blank Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development, will provide valuable information for early college entrance programs around the country, Connell hopes.

"As the only program of its kind in the nation, PEG serves as a model for how to establish a successful program," Connell said. The benefits of the study, titled "Investigating Attrition in a Residential Early College Program for Girls," will also be seen right on campus, helping MBC pinpoint how to improve its retention rate, which was about 76 percent from freshman to sophomore year in 2006–07.

"By their very nature, early entrance residential programs serve students who may be less certain about their academic goals at enrollment than are traditional age students. Further, since such programs serve a relatively small number of students, even small fluctuations in retention rates can cause significant annual variations in enrollment figures and disruptions in program planning," the grant proposal states.

Connell began the study during summer 2007 with co-researchers Nancy Heilbronner and Sally Reis of University of Connecticut and Sally Robbins of University of Louisiana. The first step was to convene a focus group of current and former PEG directors and faculty, and members of the MBC Board of Trustees to record their ideas about attrition and retention. From that conversation, a survey was developed and will be distributed to PEG alumnae who graduated between 1995 and 2005. Follow-up interviews will be conducted with several of the respondents to wrap up the information-gathering phase. Findings will be presented in May 2008 at University of Iowa, Connell said.

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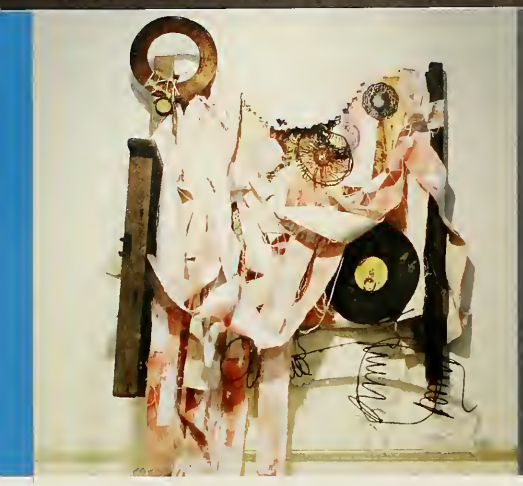
service learning

Cadets in Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership work to remove invasive plant species on Sarah's Slope, an area on campus dedicated to Air Force Lt. Sarah Small '02, who died while serving in Egypt.

BRECKEN GEIMAN:

Mystery Religion, Reinterpreting the Language and Spirit of an Abandoned House



"My process for art-making begins with finding the inspiration, currently revolving around the exploration of abandoned houses. The experience becomes a treasure hunt as I intuitively scavenge through the layers of wreckage as if in search of a precious find. With every new search, the process has evolved to become more and more conceptually meaningful; I have gained a heightened sense of awareness to the formal elements that define art (color, shape, line, form, texture, etc.). I look for objects that have strong potential for use in an artistic composition and that possess a special energy. In rediscovering these found objects, I instill in them a renewed sense of life."

ALLISON HASSON:

Experiments in Togetherness

Studio Art Attracts Major Interest

By Dawn Medley

It has never been about numbers in the studio art program at Mary Baldwin College, but when you are tied with a perennial favorite, psychology, for the highest number of majors in the Residential College for Women (RCW) in 2006–07, it begs for a bit of numerical discussion. Not only were there 28 studio art majors, but there were a record 17 RCW graduates (21 including the Adult Degree Program) in 2007. Three of them were selected to participate in the elite Capstone Festival based on their senior thesis work — and each received an award at the Festival. Those projects are pictured and described in the artists' words on these pages.

That brings the studio art focus back to where it has long resided: in quality, says Paul Ryan, professor of art and advisor to Brecken Geiman '07, who earned first place in the Capstone's visual and audio-visual category. "The quality and ambitiousness of student work was impressive. We have built a creative and intellectual culture that is open, energetic, and progressive, and students feel the excitement and see the wide range of creative possibilities in this environment," he said. Ryan is already confident about the scope and potential of student work by this year's majors.

Although studio art classes have been popular for more than a decade — the major was created in 2004 when the Art Department restructured to become the Department of Art and Art History — Ryan explained that several changes in the past five years have attracted more students: the addition of a second full-time faculty member, Jim Sconyers Jr., assistant professor of art; a broader curriculum that includes more photography and printmaking courses; annual trips to Washington DC and New York City art venues; access to international and world-renowned visiting artists and scholars; and the addition of updated equipment in some areas. Studio art now encompasses emphases in ceramics, drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, graphic design, and extended media.

Considerable progress has been made, particularly in printmaking and photography, to provide students with a creative and conducive artistic environment. A greater number of students in the major, however, leads to more

CHEYENNE CRAWFORD:

Booker T. Washington Homework Program

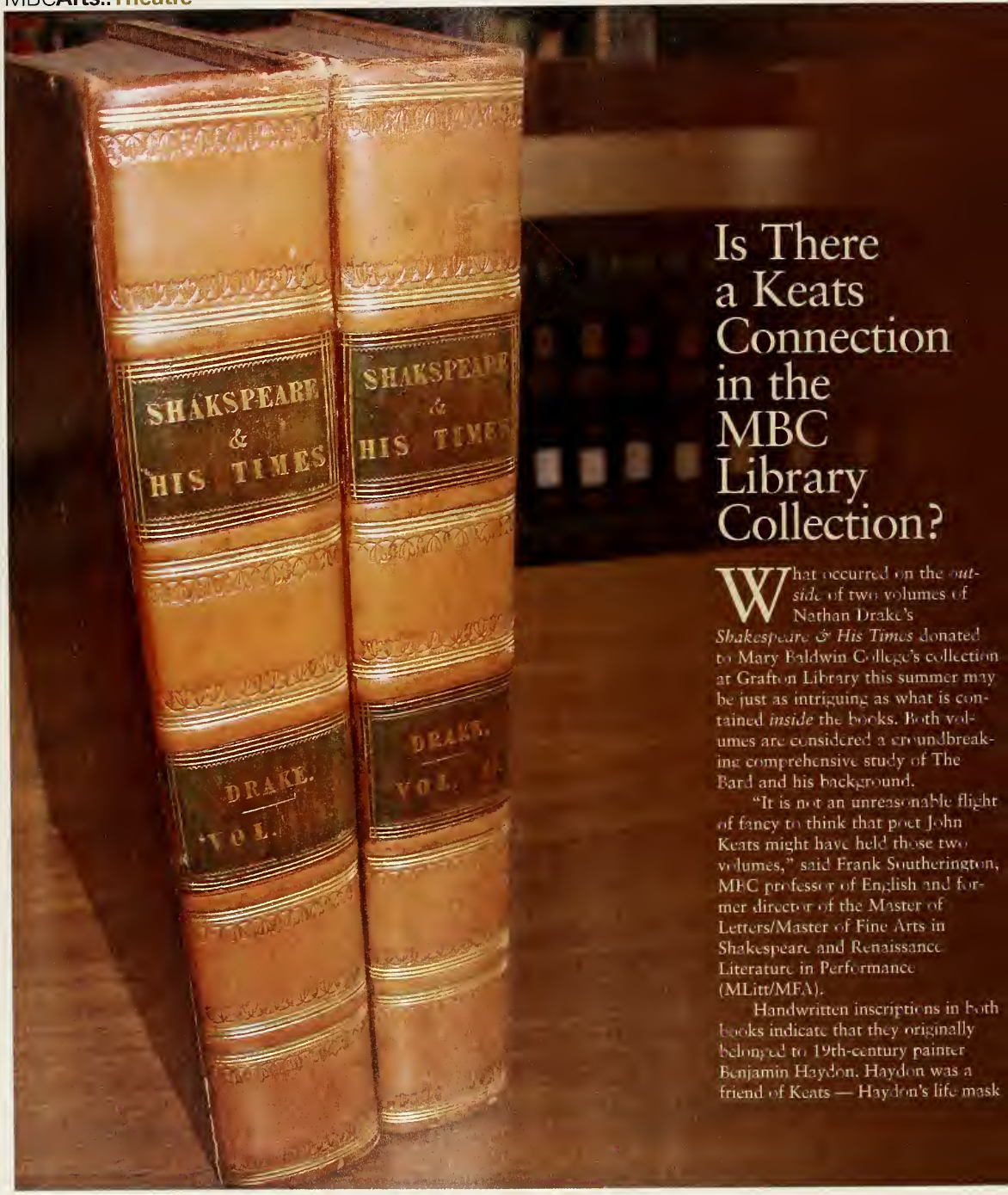
"It's a visual representation of the 'second tier' of consciousness referred to in philosopher Ken Wilber's *A Theory of Everything*. I shot various body parts of as many different people of different cultures as would allow me to take their photograph and assembled the different photographs to create five life-size figures that are a visual representation of the network of people who worked together to help me create the pieces. The pieces were mounted on Connie Hall at Mary Baldwin College to surround the audience to raise their physical bodies to experience the work, in correlation with the rise in consciousness that the project suggests. There are also broken mirrors mounted in mosaic style within the figures, so someone looking at the piece will see part of their body integrating with the interactive work. The broken and then reassembled nature of the mirrors refers to what would have to happen to a broken humanity for [Wilber's] theory to be successful."

"I used photographs that I took at the Booker T. Washington Homework Program. Those children are the future of Staunton, and we must hope that they will be successful. This hope is portrayed through the use of light. An individual light in each of the light boxes is seen when a viewer takes the time to come close and really take a look at the children's photographs. The lights are connected to occupancy sensors that only illuminate when a viewer steps into the children's space, and cut off when they leave the space. This continues the idea that hope can only be seen when a person takes time to come into the spaces and lives of the children."

immediate concerns about building maintenance such as its tendency to flood, creating spaces that include equipment and safety measures for specific art-making processes, and further technology upgrades. A grant from Booth Ferris Foundation in 2007 added a specialized projector in Deming Fine Arts Building that provides state-of-the art digital color projection and money donated for campus improvements provided for repair and sealing of Deming's roof; steps in the right direction.

Studio art embraces the college-wide movement toward increased civic engagement at Mary Baldwin. One of the most visible recent examples was a May Term 2007 course featuring artist and human rights activist Claudia Bernardi, who was brought to campus through the Doenges Visiting Artist/Scholar series and connections with faculty in the Department of Art and Art History. The course, Mapping History and Hope, invited students from several disciplines to interview Staunton citizens and create a huge outdoor mural about the city on the wall of a bakery in one of Staunton's historic neighborhoods. Studio art students are also involved in public exhibitions in Hunt Gallery and other locations on campus and downtown Staunton such as Coffee on the Corner and Camera & Palette. In 2003 they participated in a print exchange with University of Virginia and in 2006 in a national print exchange with universities in Ohio, Indiana, and South Carolina. Student internships have included work at Staunton Augusta Art Center, Beverley Street Studio School, and Rockbridge Arts Center. Despite less-than-ideal resources and working environments, studio art students are making names for themselves in the community and professional world.

At least four recent alumnae are pursuing a Master of Fine Arts (MFA, the highest degree in the subject): two in painting, one in graphic design, and one in sequential imaging. One recent graduate just completed her MFA in 2006. Three highly competitive Virginia Museum of Fine Arts fellowships were awarded to MBC students in the past three years, two at the undergraduate level and one at the graduate level. Just a few more numbers to consider in connection with studio art at MBC. ▲



Is There a Keats Connection in the MBC Library Collection?

What occurred on the *outside* of two volumes of Nathan Drake's *Shakespeare & His Times* donated to Mary Baldwin College's collection at Grafton Library this summer may be just as intriguing as what is contained *inside* the books. Both volumes are considered a groundbreaking comprehensive study of The Bard and his background.

"It is not an unreasonable flight of fancy to think that poet John Keats might have held those two volumes," said Frank Southerington, MBC professor of English and former director of the Master of Letters/Master of Fine Arts in Shakespeare and Renaissance Literature in Performance (MLitt/MFA).

Handwritten inscriptions in both books indicate that they originally belonged to 19th-century painter Benjamin Haydon. Haydon was a friend of Keats — Haydon's life mask

of Keats and Keats' published letters to Haydon indicate their familiarity. Keats had a habit of picking up his friend's books and using them as poetic fodder, and it is documented that his sonnet *On First Looking Into Chapman's Homer* refers to his perusal of Haydon's copy of that book. Could not *Shakespeare & His Times*, published in 1817, have been on the bookshelf or reading table next to Chapman's works? Keats was an enthusiastic admirer of Shakespeare, Southerington notes, and his letters include passages that are themselves important Shakespearean criticism. Is it plausible that the writer flipped through Haydon's volumes about the playwright? You bet.

Donated to MBC by Charles Salembier, a 2005 MLitt graduate, the books are significant primary sources for students in the program. Salembier received the volumes as a gift from an associate who bought them at a rare books store in London, "not for the content, but because they would look nice on a shelf," he said. "However, as a graduate of MLitt, I discovered points that were not covered in other texts I had read and how much we have learned about Shakespeare's life since this early effort." Well-taught by the Shakespeare scholars he has met and studied with, Salembier recognized that the books would have greater value to the scholarly community in the library than they would on a shelf in his home.

"It is easy to get excited about the world of Shakespeare, and excitement begs to be shared," Salembier said. ▲

It's Big. MBC Houses Only U.S. Branch of Records

By Dawn Medley

Don't feel remiss if the Records of Early English Drama (REED) project is not on the tip of your tongue, but in the world of Shakespeare and early modern drama studies it's big. Really big. So big that it jumped the border from its home at University of Toronto in October and settled on Mary Baldwin College as its United States branch.

"MBC is the exclusive American site for the most important documentary theatre project going on right now," said Paul Menzer, MLitt/MFA program director and associate professor of English at MBC and member of the REED-USA board of directors. "We're excited about the potential recruiting draw; current students are excited about internship, publication, and educational opportunities; and all parties are eager to explore exchanges of material and students."

> "It is an honor for our program to be linked to an academic undertaking at the university that has, arguably, the best Shakespeare and early modern drama program in the world," Menzer said. Learn more about REED-USA online at *www.reed-usa.org*.

Since 1979, REED has sought to catalogue all records of "drama, minstrelsy, and public ceremony" in England, prior to 1642. That time period is critical to scholars researching the entertainment environment that might have influenced Shakespeare and his contemporaries. Many studies have focused on the theatre and drama scene in London pre-1642, but REED has expanded the documentation to the whole of the British Isles, Menzer explained. The project has published 25 volumes of data — which include more than 8,000 pages of records and nearly 8,000 pages of apparatus — and MBC now houses every one of them in Grafton Library as a result of a significant donation from REED-USA president Barbara Palmer.

Palmer noted MBC's Master of Letters/Master of Fine Arts in Shakespeare and Renaissance Literature in Performance (MLitt/MFA) program and connection with American Shakespeare Center and approached the college about housing a U.S. base. Publicly announced at the annual Blackfriars Conference in late October, MBC is still exploring what its partnership with the nonprofit REED program will entail, Menzer said. What he does know is that — in addition to recruiting, academic, and exchange opportunities for the college and graduate students in MLitt/MFA — REED-USA will work to raise funds to continue the project. MBC Dean of Adult and Graduate Programs Nancy Krippel, Professor Ralph Cohen, and Professor Emeritus Frank Southerington are also board members. ▲

'Active and Engaged in Life'

Athletics and Wellness take center court with campus-wide focus

By Dawn Medley

You walk through the front doors at Mary Baldwin College's Physical Activities Center, familiarly known as "the PAC." After a warm greeting by a student worker or the always-cheerful "Mr. Bill" (William Matthews, PAC facilities manager), you are welcomed by a main hallway lined with bulletin boards that invite you to get moving in a variety of suggested activities and reports about the college's sports teams. In the gym to your left, a small group plays a game of pick-up basketball, and through the next doorway on the left you see people motivating each other through cardio workouts and strength training. In the room at the end of the hallway, Brenda Bryant, vice president for enrollment management and student life, leads her faithful aerobics class through a step routine. You make a right and head up the stairs to check on fitness testing in the Mabel Fetterman Held Fitness Laboratory, passing student-athletes meeting with their coaches and getting started on coursework.

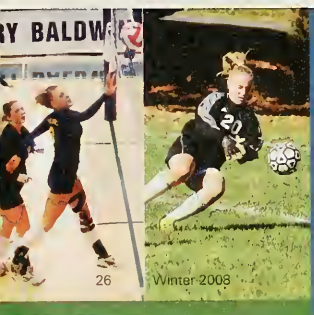
This is part of new Director of Athletics and Wellness Sharon Spalding's vision of a day at the PAC. The transformations Spalding works for are subtle — in the reasons people come to the facility and the way they interact while there. A culture of wellness, she believes, will start at the PAC, which is on the perimeter of campus, and spread throughout the entire MBC community.

"My goal is that people think of this as a place where people are active, and taking care of themselves, and engaged in life," Spalding said. "If you're here, you're moving — physically in classes or activities, or mentally by charting future plans with a coach, balancing academic goals, or getting ready for a competition."

With a full-time coaching staff for the first time in years and membership in a new conference, USA South, Mary Baldwin's focus for 2007–08 is on strengthening its athletic program. To meet the requirements of USA South, MBC convened an Athletics Advisory Committee, created an athletes' section of the freshmen seminar MBC 101, and completed a Division III self study, among other items. Mary Baldwin leaves the Atlantic Women's Colleges Conference after a successful 12-year tenure, winning 11 conference championships in seven sports, with basketball, softball, and volleyball earning bids to the NCAA tournament.

New coaches Peter Parikakis (soccer) and Paul Yee (volleyball) join returning coaches Christy Shelton (softball) and John Stuart (baskerball) on a staff that will have responsibilities in administration, fitness testing, teaching, field and court preparation, and much more, in addition to working with athletes. Spalding rounds out the team as cross-country coach, and Donna Miller stepped into the position of sports information director and tennis coach. New Athletic Trainer Charles Angersbach and returning Associate Professor of Health and Physical Education Irene Sarnelle — who continues in her role as wellness liaison to the MBC community and serves as faculty advisor for new athletes — are also members of the athletics and wellness staff.

Wellness ideas that dovetail with athletics and apply to the wider population of students,



faculty, and staff continue to develop this year, and attention will shift more heavily to include more wellness programming in 2008–09, Spalding explained. MBC's goals took on greater importance for her at the National Wellness Conference in Wisconsin in the summer, organized by the National Wellness Institute. "One of the keynote speakers said that we do not have a health care crisis in America, we have a health crisis. It made sense to me, and convinced me of the need for what we are doing with wellness programming," she said.

A new or renovated athletic and wellness center is an ambitious and exciting part of the long-term campus master plan. In the meantime, Spalding believes a critical shift in attitude toward physical activity and wellness is possible with the additional resources of full-time staff members for recruiting this year and collaboration with other departments, such as dining services and student life.

"Come to the PAC," she said. "You'll see what I mean." ▲

know your numbers

Cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of women. To keep your heart healthy, The American Heart Association urges all women to know their numbers. Consult with your physician and compare your numbers to these recommendations. Find out more about each of these risk factors and how you can keep your heart healthy on the Go Red for Women page: www.goredforwomen.org/index.htm

BLOOD LIPIDS — High blood lipid levels put you at an increased risk of heart disease and stroke. There are four components to your blood lipid levels and these are the numbers you should know:

	What it should be:
Total Cholesterol	less than 200 mg/dl
LDL (bad cholesterol)	less than 130 mg/dl
HDL (good cholesterol)	50 mg/dl or higher
Triglycerides	less than 150 mg/dl

BLOOD PRESSURE — High blood pressure also increases your risk of heart disease and stroke. Please know that the only way to find out if your blood pressure is high is to have it checked.

	What it should be:
Blood Pressure	less than 120/80 mmHg

FASTING GLUCOSE — Diabetes is one of the major risk factors of cardiovascular disease.

	What it should be:
Glucose	less than 100 mg/dl

	What it should be:
Body Mass Index	less than 25 Kg/m^2
Waist Circumference	less than 35 inches
Exercise	A minimum of 30 minutes of moderate exercise most days of the week

USA South Debut

Mary Baldwin College's discussion about entering USA South began in earnest in winter 2004, and the college earned that membership in 2005–06. Based in Fayetteville, North Carolina, USA South includes 12 colleges and universities: Mary Baldwin College, Shenandoah College, Christopher Newport University, Ferrum College, and Averett College in Virginia, and Peace College, Methodist College, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Greensboro College, and Meredith College in North Carolina. A National Collegiate Athletics Association Division III conference, it recognizes seven varsity sports: cross country, lacrosse, basketball, soccer, softball, tennis, and volleyball. MBC competes in 2007–08 in all of the offerings except lacrosse.

HOME COURT ADVANTAGE

Cheer on the Mary Baldwin Fighting Squirrels when you are in and around Staunton this spring, or attend an away game near your town to make it feel more like home sweet home for the team.

SOFTBALL

HOME GAMES

March 9	McDaniel College	1pm
March 12	University of Mary Washington	2:30pm
March 18	Ferrum College	2pm
March 22	Meredith College	1pm
March 25	Eastern Mennonite University	3pm
April 1	Shenandoah University	3pm
April 3	Southern Virginia University	3pm
April 5	Methodist College	2pm
April 6	Peace College	1pm
April 8	Guilford College	3pm

AWAY GAMES

March 7	Messiah College	Grantham PA	2pm
March 14	Catholic University	Washington DC	1pm
March 16	Randolph College	Lynchburg, VA	2pm
March 20	Randolph-Macon College	Ashland, VA	2:30pm
March 26	Christopher Newport University	Newport News, VA	3pm
March 29	Greensboro College	Greensboro, NC	1pm
March 30	Sweet Briar College	Amherst, VA	1pm
April 9	Averett University	Danville, VA	3pm
April 12	North Carolina Wesleyan	Rocky Mount, NC	1pm

TENNIS

HOME MATCHES

March 20	Southern Virginia University	3:30pm
March 26	Christopher Newport University	2pm
March 29	Greensboro College	2pm
April 9	Averett University	3pm
April 12	North Carolina Wesleyan	noon

AWAY MATCHES

February 27	Hollins University	Roanoke, VA	3pm
March 15	Trinity College	Washington DC	1pm
March 18	Ferrum College	Ferrum, VA	2pm
March 22	Meredith College	Raleigh, NC	2pm
April 1	Shenandoah University	Winchester, VA	3pm
April 5	Methodist College	Fayetteville, NC	noon
April 6	Peace College	Raleigh, NC	1pm

BASKETBALL

HOME GAMES

November 20	Randolph College	7pm
November 27	Washington & Lee University	7pm
January 8	Ferrum College	7pm
January 13	Christopher Newport University	2pm
January 17	Shenandoah University	7pm
January 20	North Carolina Wesleyan	2pm
February 3	Averett University	2pm
February 10	Greensboro College	2pm
February 16	Methodist College	2pm
February 22	Meredith College	7pm
February 23	Peace College	2pm

AWAY GAMES

December 7	Eastern Mennonite Univer	Harrisonburg, VA	7 pm
January 5	Methodist College	Fayetteville, NC	2pm
January 6	Greensboro College	Greensboro, NC	2pm
January 12	Averett University	Danville, VA	2pm
January 26	Meredith College	Raleigh, NC	2pm
January 27	Peace College	Raleigh, NC	2pm
February 2	North Carolina Wesleyan	Rocky Mount, NC	2pm
February 14	Shenandoah University	Winchester, VA	5:30pm
February 17	Ferrum College	Ferrum, VA	2pm
February 19	Christopher Newport Univer	Newport News, VA	7pm

COACHES' CORNER

A Full Roster of Focused, Full-Time Varsity Coaches

Peter Parikakis, Soccer

Christy Shelton, Sof

Peter Parikakis, Soccer

The son of Greek parents, Peter Parikakis is fluent in what he believes is an international language — the game of soccer. Although the sport has different names around the globe, Parikakis invokes a universal knowledge about the game and multicultural connection among players and fans. His father was a skilled player, and Parikakis had the pentagon-patterned ball at his feet at about four years of age. He brings that family passion and formal training to his first season as the Fighting Squirrels' head soccer coach.

"Soccer is about more than footwork and running. Learning to communicate succinctly and clearly, putting the team's common goal ahead of your individual goal, and getting over setbacks are all skills I learned as a player. Those are more important than being the best shooter or passer on the field," said Parikakis, who earned a bachelor's degree in athletic training at Waynesburg College in Pennsylvania and a master's degree at West Virginia University. As a graduate student, he got his first experience teaching physical education and coaching.

With the soccer season beginning in early fall, there was no time for Parikakis to waste after his appointment at MBC in July. He quickly focused on connecting with returning players prior to the team's preparation camp before the start of the academic year and honed in initially on local recruiting. He hopes to build a nationwide network of talent scouts as time goes on.

Parikakis is one of several coaches who started at Mary Baldwin in the college's first year of membership in the USA South athletic conference. "To be a great team, you need to compete with and beat great teams," Parikakis said. "You are often only as good as your opponents, and being in USA South will raise MBC to the level of other teams in the conference." He hopes being on campus to teach physical education classes and develop the fitness and wellness program at Mary Baldwin will build chemistry with his players and other students who will, in turn, support teams.

Sharon Spalding, Cross-Country

John Stuart, Basketball

Paul Yee, Volleyball

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Christy Shelton, Softball

Softball was not a varsity sport at Mary Baldwin College when Christy Shelton '87 was a student here, but by the time she started working in the college's athletic department in 2000 it was close to graduating from its status as a club sport. She was eager to help make that happen. Seven years later, Shelton brings leadership consistency and experience as MBC negotiates another transition, this time to a new athletic conference.

"Each year has been a challenge to build a program that is still pretty young," said Shelton, who played club softball and varsity basketball and volleyball at MBC. Shelton's plans for taking the sport to the next level in 2007–08 include increased strength training and introducing four to five weeks of fall training.

It didn't take long for MBC softball to reach the national arena — the team appeared in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III tournament in 2004 and 2005 — and Shelton is looking for even more success. "Playing better competition should make us better," she said.

She also believes getting to know players and their professors better now that she is a full-time employee will help cultivate stronger student-athletes. Shelton has also served for several years as athletic events coordinator, which includes many responsibilities that go unnoticed, such as marking fields, readying equipment for home games and travel, setting up fields and courts, maintaining the gym floor, coordinating work-study students, and even digging into laundry duty when needed.

Shelton's excitement and expertise is based on her passion for softball, a sport she started playing in high school. She coached teams for the National Softball Association and United States Slow-Pitch Softball Association prior to coming to MBC. She continues to play the game — slow-pitch as opposed to the fast-pitch style of MBC and most college teams — on a traveling women's league and on a coed team.

"I have always loved softball, and it's great because it's a sport you can continue to play after college to stay active," Shelton said.

Sharon Spalding, Cross-Country

She runs at least three times a week. She has competed in 5K, 10K, and half marathon races. She has twice run the 26.2 grueling miles of a full marathon. But Sharon Spalding still isn't quite sure she considers herself a runner. Coaching the Mary Baldwin cross-country team for 2007–08, along with acclimating to her new position as director of athletics and wellness, could change her mind.

"As physical education majors in college, we ran whether we wanted to or not," said Spalding, who earned her undergraduate degree at James Madison University and master of education from University of Virginia. She is also certified as an exercise specialist by the American College of Sports Medicine.

Spalding started her tenure at MBC in 1989 and coached volleyball the first 10 years. When the college's

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— Peter Pakikakis, soccer coach

Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) took off, she designed the fitness component for cadets and served for several years as the program's associate director and director.

"Running is one of the corps' physical training requirements, so that started me running more during the year," Spalding said. "Unlike most students, I needed to keep running during the summers to stay in shape. About three years ago, I realized 'I like this,' and started training for races."

With the cross country team that is shaping up this year, Spalding made an accurate pre-season prediction that MBC would place second in its new, more competitive athletic conference tournament. Seven MBC runners competed in NCAA cross-country regionals November 10. See *www.mbc.edu/athletics/crosscountry/schedule.asp* for results.

She has the unique perspective of being a member of the coaching staff and seeing the bigger picture of athletics and wellness as director of the department. "With a full-time coaching staff, we'll be able to reinforce academics and athletics together. That will hopefully result in more four-year athletes who value both aspects of their college life and stay for their entire term," Spalding said. She also anticipates building Mary Baldwin's reputation in the wider arena, as sports teams and players are featured frequently in newspapers and on television in the area. "We have a real chance to increase MBC's visibility," she said.

John Stuart, Basketball

John Stuart is addicted to watching college basketball. During March Madness, he is a flurry of activity, stats, and brackets. It's no surprise that coaching his own Division III college team gets him pumped.

"I strengthen my coaching philosophy as a defensive strategist by watching Division I college games — especially when I can be at the games. I believe defense wins games, and that's what I hope spectators will see on the court this season," said Stuart, who returned to MBC for his second year as

Charles Angersbach, Athletic Trainer

Donna Miller, Sports Information and Tennis

Irene Sarnelle, wellness liaison

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head basketball coach.

The Fighting Squirrels' debut in the USA South athletic conference gives him and his experienced team — seven players will return from the previous season — an opportunity to test their mettle against colleges with better facilities, larger rosters, and more funding, he said.

Stuart is not intimidated. "I can see the team developing before it happens. We are going to surprise a lot of people with how well we compete in this conference," Stuart said about the 2007–08 season, which starts conference play January 8 against Averett University. In addition to welcoming solid returning players, Stuart is eager to work with new recruits.

Stuart is filling his full-time position by helping the college organize an intramural sports program, teaching physical education activity classes, and working on administrative tasks as assistant athletic director. He is looking forward to creating a buzz about Mary Baldwin College basketball, similar to the enthusiasm for Robert E. Lee High School basketball games that he remembers when growing up in Staunton and continues to see today. "Building a relationship with people on campus and getting them excited is the first step," he said.

Paul Yee, Volleyball

You could say that Paul Yee, a 2006 graduate of Milwaukee School of Engineering, is something of a transitional team specialist, by necessity. Yee's first coaching assignment — as an assistant for men's volleyball at his alma mater — found him establishing a regimen and rules as a leader of players who were still his peers. As men's and women's volleyball coach at Vassar College in 2007, Yee helped usher players through the instructional and philosophical transition that came with filling in for a longtime coach on sabbatical leave.

His experience guiding athletes through change was put to use once again as he joined MBC during its first year in the USA athletic conference. Yee took on double-duty as head volleyball coach.

"I really want to build something here," said Yee. "Being a full-time member of the staff and looking beyond this first year are exciting prospects for me."

Yee concentrated on volleyball during his four years at Milwaukee, but he played volleyball and tennis in grade school and continued tennis in high school and has taught both sports. As a recent student who juggled academics and athletics, he stresses time management and prioritizing with his players. "As a student athlete, everyone tells you time management is huge, and it is," he said. Yee earned all-conference honors and a degree in architectural engineering; both required substantial effort. "When I graduated with my degree and four years of college competition under my belt, I said 'I can do anything.'"

Yee's recent collegiate experience convinced him that athletes can influence others at the college to be physically active and involved in campus life. He believes that as more people are active on campus, others will want to become active. ▲

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(The First) Eight Things You Need to Know About Science at Mary Baldwin College

By Carol Larson

1. Science is our past, present — and future.
2. Science is more than theoretical study at MBC; it is hands-on and real-time.
3. Original student research presented to campus, state, and national peers sets the study of science apart at Mary Baldwin.
4. Students are prepared for real jobs in the real world.
5. There is solid preparation for graduate school.
6. The liberal arts education surrounding MBC science majors/minors opens the way to many paths.
7. The faculty inspires.
8. Science *is* for women.

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ONE:

Science is our past, present — and future.

That women *should* study science has never been questioned at Mary Baldwin College. Rufus Bailey, founder of Augusta Female Seminary (AFS), placed a statement about the school's curriculum in the Staunton, Virginia newspaper, *Spectator,* on September 15, 1842, a week before the inaugural day of classes: "*English Grammar continued in its higher branches. Rhetoric and Composition, Comprehensive History, Geography, Astronomy, Natural and Moral Philosophy [physics and philosophy], the Elements of Natural Science, familiarly explained and practically enforced, Geometry, Algebra, and the simplest form of Bookkeeping.*"

Science was an integral part of a women's education at Augusta Female Seminary — unusual as that was in the mid-1800s. It would remain so. Random notes on the progress of the study of science throughout the college's historical documents, such as *The History of Mary Baldwin College* by Mary Watters, tell us that in 1874, during Mary Julia Baldwin's tenure as principal, students could choose from a variety of science classes: natural philosophy (which became physics in 1889), chemistry, botany, astronomy, physiology, and hygiene (a new field of study for colleges, which put the Seminary ahead of the game once again, as it wouldn't be a college for another 49 years).

In its sixth year as a college, the Board of Trustees approved the granting of a bachelor of science (BS) in 1929. Admission requirements for students seeking a BS at that time were the same as those for a bachelor of

arts, except that a candidate for a BS needed four credits in a foreign language rather than two credits in Latin. Biology and chemistry have been alternate favorites throughout the school's history. In 1931, biology appears to have been the favorite and there were classes in genetics and bacteriology, ornithology, local flora, biological methods, and a research course.

Mary Baldwin College would also adapt its science curriculum for the times. In one pointed example during World War II, household physics was taught with instruction in simple plumbing, repair of electrical equipment and other mechanical needs in homes. With so many soldiers gone to war, "Rosie" needed to know more than just how to rivet.

The department of science would inhabit different locations on the changing campus landscape until 1970 with the opening of the state-of-the-art Pearce Science Center. But the science curriculum has continued to evolve with scientific breakthroughs, the interests of its students, and resources, slowly but surely outdating the building's labs and classrooms.

The study of science has been a mainstay of the institution's curriculum. No surprise then that a renovated Pearce Science Center is identified as a vital part of the campus master plan, *Transforming Our Environment 1842-2042* (*www.mbc.edu/strategic_plan/masterplan06.asp*).

We asked alumnae who majored in science to tell us about their MBC experience and what they are doing now. Their stories (many more than we can print here) provide wonderful detail about the past and present study of science at MBC. In each case, it seems these graduates learned all "eight things" about science at Mary Baldwin — and then some (making it difficult to place their stories into just one category).

'I helped develop comprehensive HIV care and treatment programs in three countries in Africa where they were conducting HIV research trials.'

— TIFFANY HAMM '89

TWO:

Science is more than theoretical study at MBC, it is hands-on and real-time.

"We had opportunities that were not afforded my fellow medical students, who had been to big universities in pre-med programs. We were by no means spoon-fed [at MBC], and even in physics, we were charged with developing projects in small groups in order to do the experiments and then teach the rest of the class about the subject of our research," said Annabel Barber '81, MD and associate professor of surgery at University of Nevada School of Medicine.

There was a brief time in the school's earliest history when professors conducted experiments and students watched. It took little time for the faculty to determine that learning science was — at its best — a hands-on proposition conducted in field, lab, and classroom. Today, students use scientific equipment from gas chromatography-mass spectrometers to nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometers to a scanning electron microscope, and more. They work in labs for cell and tissue culture, molecular biology, microbiology, chemistry instrumentation NMR, and wet labs, among others. Students participate in and generate study outside the classroom. All science students, majors and non-majors alike, must design experiments and do research.

PHOTO FROM *BLUESTOCKING* 1981

Annabel Barber '81

PHOTO BY WOODS PIERCE

THREE:

Original student research presented to campus, state, and national peers sets the study of science apart at Mary Baldwin.

Research is considered an integral part of the study of science, not an add-on. Opportunities for research abound through independent study, summer intern work at larger institutions funded by the National Science Foundation, and a year-long senior project that culminates in a thesis and its defense.

"Building on my skills from college, I was able to work in a medical research lab during my final year of medical school and chose an academic rather than community-based residency at Cornell University," Barber said. After her third year of residency, she entered a two-year research fellowship in Shock, Nutrition, and Metabolism, published about 20 papers, and won a national award for her research. Barber presented her work at national and international scientific meetings. She and husband, Tom Shires MD, have a laboratory at University of Nevada School of Medicine, where she also teaches medical students and surgery residents, while maintaining a private practice in surgical oncology. Barber has now authored some 70 publications and book chapters.

Margaret Sorenson '89 was in the Adult Degree Program and graduated with a BA in chemistry. She does research at Bristol-Myers Squibb in Connecticut. "The small classes at MBC were definitely a plus, allowing the classroom environment and instruction to be more nurturing. There were several graduation requirements that ultimately helped me secure a job in research in the pharmaceutical industry: an externship, I did one summer at Upjohn in

Michigan, and a senior project that taught me to balance my responsibilities and time, work independently, and work on a project where the final answer is unknown. I do a lot of this in my job. Having to write a thesis and defend it prepared me for the interviewing process, the many meetings where I must present my work, and the occasional seminars I present on the job. The impressive part about this is that MBC helped prepare me to compete in a job market where the vast majority of my colleagues have a minimum of a master's in chemistry," Sorenson wrote. "I have worked on a number of projects including anti-inflammatory agents, anti-bacterials, and I am currently working to discover new drugs to fight HIV."

'I'll be spreading the word [as a middle or high school science teacher] and convincing new generations that science is great!'

— VERONICA STOKES '05

FOUR:

Students are prepared for a real job in the real world.

Ahead of the times, Mary Baldwin College was training female scientists and preparing them for careers in the field. Vera Moulton Wall Dunlevie '48, who passed away on Mother's Day in 1988, was a double major in the sciences — biology and psychology — and upon graduation became a lab technician for a state health department. She went on to work in a university hospital and later an Army medical laboratory. As her young family grew, her focus shifted in that direction. Imagine the challenges and obstacles she faced then. What would she think today about the opportunities for women in science and the study of science?

Armed with a degree in biology and medical technology, Dawn Tusing Burris '85 is now the medical center manager of the Clinical Core Laboratory for University of Virginia Medical Laboratories in Charlottesville, Virginia. "The core laboratory is a fully automated medical laboratory which operates 24 hours a day to provide routine and stat testing for clinical chemistry, hematology, coagulation, and microbiology analyses for inpatients, outpatients, and outreach patients in the UVA Health System. We do approximately three million tests a year," Burris tells us. "I am also manager of the Cancer Center Laboratory for the UVA Cancer Center." Her connection with her employer of 20 years began in her last year at Mary Baldwin College, when she simultaneously attended UVA's medical technology program, which was associated with MBC at the time.

UVA has benefitted from numbers of Mary Baldwin science grads. Tiffany Hamm '89, with a major in chemistry and a minor in biology, journeyed on to Georgetown University and the National Institutes of Health for a three-year stint as a research assistant "studying simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV) as an animal model for HIV replication and vaccine development." Hamm continued, "I went on to UVA for a doctorate in microbiology studying HIV replication and RNA transports." She joined the Peace Corps and taught science at a school in the Solomon Islands while also working as a program manager for a non-government organization supporting women's development in Tonga. She returned

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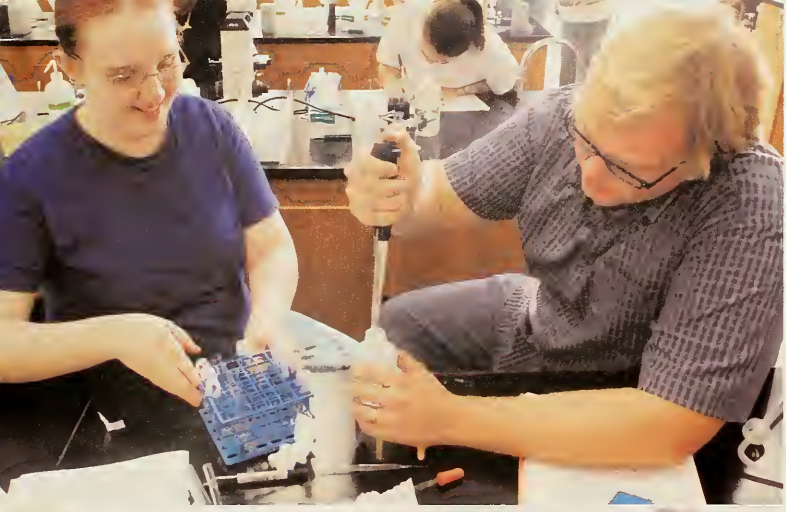
Vera Moulton Wall Dunlevie '48



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to the U.S. and in 2003 started working for the U.S. Military HIV Research Program at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. "I helped develop comprehensive HIV care and treatment programs in three of the countries in Africa where they were conducting HIV research trials. Since then, I have become director for the Africa HIV Care and Treatment programs, which receive funding from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief," Hamm said.

Jen Yavorsky '95 translated her degree in biology into her own garden design business. "I utilize my botany, horticulture, and field biology education on a daily basis," Yavorsky said.

There are companies that seek MBC science grads for employment. Wyeth Pharmaceuticals may be one of those. Kamala Payne '05, biochemistry major, is now a scientist for Wyeth in Richmond, Virginia. She tests the shelf life of the company's drug products to determine proper expiration date and uses data including FDA rules to test the drug's statistics under different conditions, such as the temperature at which a drug degrades.

"If it hadn't been for the training at MBC in people skills, the small class settings, the do-it-yourself experimentation, and the research skills I developed through projects like my senior thesis, which I had to plan, execute, and present to faculty and students ... well, I don't know what. That's everything I do now in my job," Payne explained. She believes that her liberal arts education helped her become valuable to her employer as a well-rounded individual who can relate to others in different fields. She is currently working to give back to her alma mater by connecting members of MBC science faculty with her employer. They are working together on a gift of equipment needed by the college that is no longer used by Wyeth.

'We do approximately three million tests a year [in the Clinical Core Laboratory at University of Virginia Medical Laboratories] and I also manage the Cancer Center Laboratory for UVA Cancer Center.'

— DAWN TUSING BURRIS '85

FIVE:

There is solid preparation for graduate school.

"I majored in chemistry and graduated in 1973. Went on to pharmacy school at Medical College of Virginia [now Virginia Commonwealth University] and have been the director of pharmacy at Riverside Walter Reed Hospital in Gloucester, Virginia since 1989," said Ruth Luoma Fenstermacher, whose daughter Katherine graduated *cum laude* from MBC last year with a double major in biology and chemistry and is now in graduate school at University of Maryland's microbiology doctoral program. "The personal attention science majors receive at MBC is invaluable."

What was true in 1973 in terms of solid preparation and acceptance to graduate school is still true for Veronica Stokes, who graduated in 2005 with a degree in biology and "went immediately into graduate school at University of Virginia in education." She has since earned a master's in teaching and plans to teach middle or high school science in Florida. "I'll be spreading the word and convincing new generations that science is great," she said.

SIX:

The liberal arts education surrounding an MBC science major/minor opens many career pathways.

What can you do with a degree in biochemistry? Stephanie Lawley '99 headed for The College of William and Mary for a master's in biology, before attending law school at George Mason University where she graduated in 2004. Now a patent attorney in Washington DC, she prepares patent applications and obtains patents for many different technologies. "My education at MBC prepared me well for my profession. Not only did I receive the scientific knowledge and expertise necessary to understand the inventions I now work with, but I also developed the critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills I use to distinguish the inventions from what is already in the field," Lawley said.

About her liberal arts education, she added, "I appreciate that at MBC I had the opportunity to study not only science, but other disciplines as well. The English, business law, and constitutional law courses I took helped prepare me for law school and also helped develop the writing skills I use every day as an attorney. I even use my German minor to read German reference material and communicate with our German-speaking clients."

Belynda Phillips Randolph's '93 degree in psychology became most valuable to her in her personal life. "My children are both profoundly autistic. I have learned that when my knowledge about something isn't what I need it to be, I have the research skills that are essential to getting my children the care, therapies, and education they require," said Randolph. She went from Mary Baldwin directly to graduate school for a master's in marriage and family therapy.

Pam Wavell Clark '66 is a legacy that requires a diagram to understand. Her mother started the Mary Baldwin chain of Wavell clan attendance, which would include her daughter Pam, three cousins, her son's daughter, Pam's sister, and a sister-in-law. Clark was a theatre major, who also lost herself in science. After graduation she did 15 hours of graduate work with Dr. John Mehner, professor emeritus of biology, at University of Minnesota's biological field station and then returned to MBC to teach botany and zoology labs for a year. She moved back to her home state, Texas, to teach biology and physical science in high schools before getting a real estate license. "I tripled my income the first year in real estate, got my broker's license and sold real estate until 2002." At some point in those years, still attached to science, she earned a master's in environmental science at Texas A&M. "It wasn't easy because I was working, raising three children, and going through a divorce at the time, but I still managed to graduate *magna cum laude*," she said.

And now? Remarried, she lives in Georgia and raises Tennessee Walking horses on a 500-acre farm, where she says, "I use my scientific knowledge all the time. I thank Dr. Mehner for my love of science. I kept in touch with him always — continuing to send him a 'Whooping Crane Report' (I was assigned that duty in school because I was from Corpus Christi). We stopped in to see him about six months before he died [in April 2006]," she said. "Now I am painting and traveling. Funny, I usually paint birds or fish."

Tenea Watson Nelson '98 graduated with distinction with a BS in chemistry.

She came to MBC via the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted and went on to earn a master's and doctorate in toxicology from University of Rochester. "I worked on drug development, particularly on drugs for the treatment of autoimmune diseases, cancer, and HIV at Genentech and Gilead in the San Francisco Bay area. I recently took some time off to establish a real estate career and launch an online magazine for young professional women (*www.moxymagazine.com*)," she said. Her real estate business continues, as does her online e-zine, and she has also accepted a position with Stanford University's School of Medicine as director of diversity and outreach for the genetics department.

"I had a double major in medical technology and biology," Constance Anne Bak '75 said. "I am now in the 32nd year of a career that has been wondrous to me. Mary Baldwin gave me an advantage in a competitive marketplace. I had an excellent background to pursue a career in medical technology and my liberal arts background gave me an edge over "pure" scientists when it came time to rise through the ranks of management," said Bak, director of employee development for Virginia Blood Services in Richmond, Virginia. She explained that medical technology is now called clinical laboratory science (CLS), but "no matter the name, it is a noble profession and there is a looming shortage of clinical laboratory scientists that will offer unlimited possibilities to those preparing to enter that field. I will always be grateful for the education I received. And even more importantly, more than three decades later, my MBC friends remain the best friends I have in life," Bak shared.

SEVEN:
The faculty inspires.

Julia Andrews Allen '72 began work on her science major in classrooms in the college-owned house on the corner across from the Administration Building. She was also in the class of students who were among the first to utilize the new Pearce Science Center. "It was as exciting then to move into Pearce as it must be now for all of today's students to dream of a renovated Pearce," she said. "It was an amazing experience for us to walk in for the first time. Having new labs and classrooms opened up a whole new level of opportunity for teachers and students alike. My favorite place was the ornithology lab, which was second to none in the region, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Mehner. We spent many late-night hours there memorizing the details of 100 bird skins in order to prepare for a lab practical. Of course we had music going and didn't always leave the lab the way we found it. One morning, Dr. Mehner began his ornithology lecture and then paused, reaching across the table, he picked up a vinyl record and read slowly, and without expression: 'Build Me Up, Buttercup.' No one said a word. He turned back to his text and began again. We worshipped him," Allen recalled. A biology major, Allen believes she was inspired in her lifelong pursuit by Dr. Mehner, "who was such a wonderful example as a teacher and ornithologist."

Allen has taught middle school life science for 25 years. She became interested in the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge and helped form a Friends group to support their efforts. "Through my work on the board of the Friends group, I became interested in phragmites, a non-native invasive marsh plant that is threatening mid-Atlantic marshes. Next thing you know, our life science class research project at Aylett Country Day School became a model for the Cornell University student/teacher/scientist partnership. Dr. Bernd Blossey, internationally renowned expert on phragmites, directs the program and his work with bio-control is being evaluated. You can see what we did online at *www.invasiveplants.net/phragmites/STSP/example.htm*," Allen explained.

"As a biology major under the inspiration of a most favored teacher, Dr. Mary Humphreys, I have taught elementary school and helped develop two living history programs in country settings on land that was preserved," Mary Cloud Hamilton Hollingshead '61 recounted. And in a decision that will have lasting impact, she voted to turn her family's six-generation Kentucky farm over to the Nature Conservancy to preserve it forever. "My field botany trips in the woods of Virginia can claim Griffith Woods [part of her family's Silver Lake farm] was saved with its ancient trees and running buffalo clover because of the awareness and appreciation of nature that I garnered at Mary Baldwin," she said.

Hollingshead's grandmother and great aunt attended August Female Seminary, making her a legacy at Mary Baldwin College. She volunteers at The Barclay Farmstead, a 30-acre living history museum in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and at Peachfield Plantation, a 120-acre preservation site in Westhampton, New Jersey. Peachfield is owned and operated by the National Society of Colonial Dames, New Jersey chapter, and she tells us, "Stuart Chapman Cobb '65 (a psychology major) is currently the organization's national president.

EIGHT:
Science *is* for women.

Women who study at single-sex colleges are more likely to explore and major in subjects that are not considered traditional for females, such as math and science, according to the National Association for Single Sex Public Education. Students at women's colleges also continue toward doctorates in math, science, and engineering in disproportionately larger numbers than their peers at coed schools.

We heard from Charlotte Wenger '83, a double major in biology and chemistry, who worked at The University of Texas Health Science Center on the oncology research network, "the world's largest database of lab results on breast tumors from more

than 245,000 patients and clinical information on a subset of about 47,000 of those patients." She traveled to hospitals around the country, abstracting data from medical records to add to the database. Later she managed the entire project.

"For the past eight years I have worked in the genetics department at Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research in San Antonio, Texas. I have managed data for a type 2 diabetes study and studies on heart disease in Mexican Americans and American Indians," Wenger tells us. She is currently focused on a study of genetics in coronary artery disease in Alaska natives, as the data coordinator. She has written a Microsoft® Access database application for field staff in Alaska for data collection. Wenger also maintains the study's Web site and edits a newsletter for participants.

"A degree from a liberal arts college prepared me well for the variety of tasks I perform. I don't remember some of the factual information I learned, but Mary Baldwin gave me a broad base of general knowledge and skills I've used in my career and personal life. Maybe I shouldn't confess that the main things I remember from my chemistry classes are that hot glass looks like cold glass, and that a substance will chill much more quickly if it's surrounded by ice water and not just ice cubes," she said. "I do rely on this knowledge while I'm cooking and I've never burned my hands on a hot casserole! I've used my writing skills from English classes when contacting participants in studies, preparing grant applications and manuscripts for publication, and for editing study newsletters. I can no longer solve a calculus problem, but similar reasoning is required when I write computer programs that have complex mathematical calculations," Wenger said. "The education I received at MBC gave me the broad knowledge and confidence to learn new things."

Leigh Frame '06 graduated with distinction in biochemistry and is doing patient-oriented research examining the pathogenesis and treatment of sleep apnea at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, as a research assistant and polysomnogram technician. Frame is currently applying to medical schools.

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> — MARY CLOUD HAMILTON HOLLINGSHEAD '61

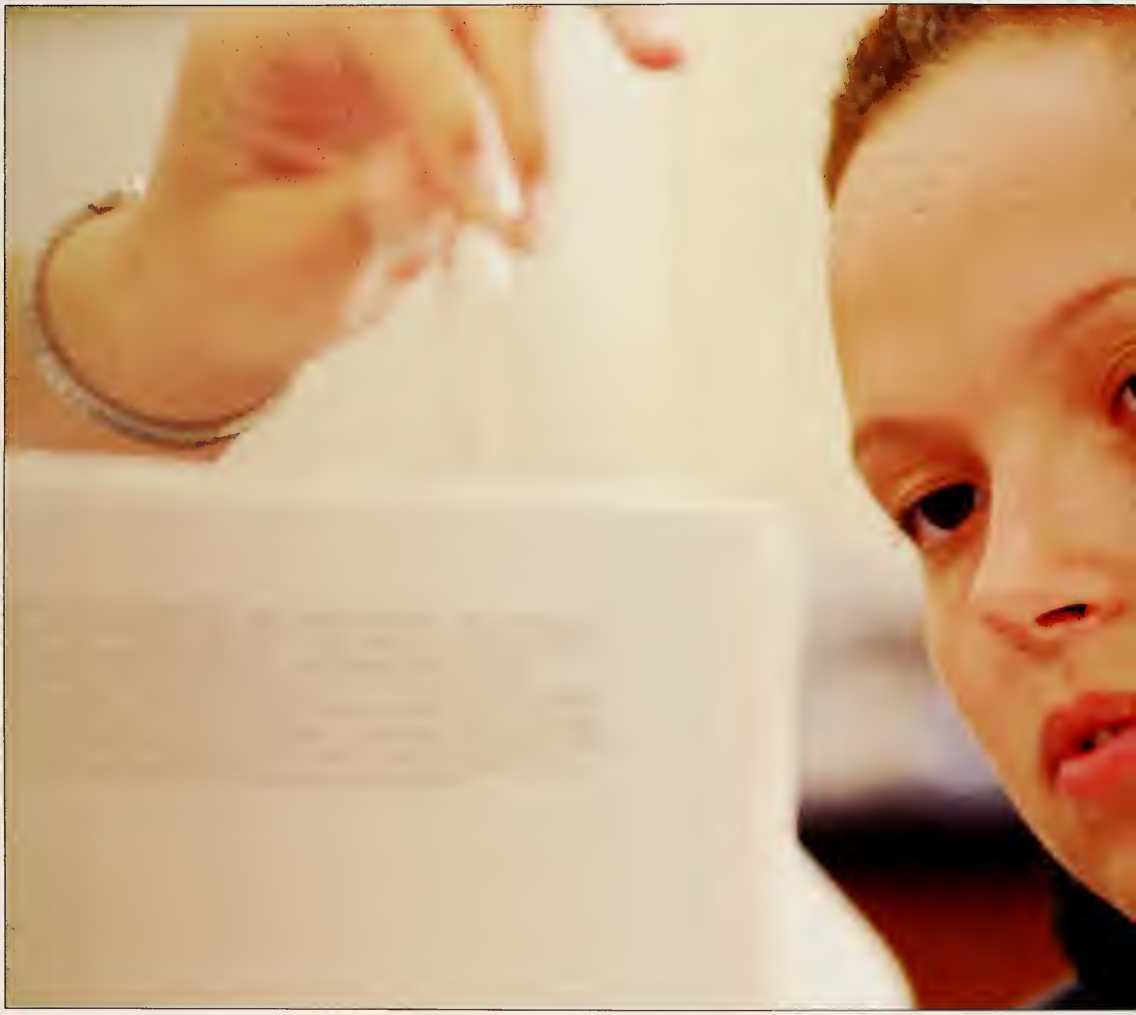
As a 1989 graduate with a major in biology and a minor in computer science, Anne Byford figured out how to work both her major interests. She earned a master's in medical genetics from Oregon Health Sciences University and worked in its research lab. She continued lab work back in Virginia in pediatric cardiology until 2003 and taught fencing and biology classes at her alma mater. Byford said, "I enjoyed the teaching more than the time in the lab, so I accepted a job teaching middle and high school science in North Carolina. This summer, I shifted from teaching full time to being the director and sole member of the information technology department at the school, while still teaching an advanced biology class. This way I still get to teach, but I also get to fiddle with things and work on puzzles and tech toys," she said. Byford credits Professors Lundy Pentz, Eric Jones, and James Patrick as models for her teaching style and methods now.

Rebecca Lovingood '82 is just stubborn about science, she says. "I majored in biology and mathematics, mainly because I am stubborn. If someone tells me I can't do something [as too many people have told young women about math and science], that just makes me want to do it even more. I enjoyed math and science from elementary through high school. I also traveled a lot as a child and enjoyed seeing new places. Some family friends suggested that a profession in oceanography would be a great way to combine my interests in math, science, and travel," she said. Among the reasons she chose to come to Mary Baldwin was its small size. "My high school graduating class was over 800, and although I did well in high school, I was neither the troublemaker, class clown, nor exceptionally gifted, so none of my high school teachers really knew who I was. I wanted a college where I was able to reach my potential and be challenged, and receive individualized attention."

Upon graduation from MBC, Lovingood attended graduate school at Johns Hopkins University studying geophysical fluid dynamics and then transferred to Old Dominion University to complete her master's in physical oceanography. "I am a senior scientist presenting work for the U.S. Navy at the Naval Oceanographic Office, and providing analytical and model data to the Navy."

Minerva Thompson Nolte '65 has found the most appealing ways to fill her life with the arts, sciences, and natural world that mean so much to her. "I can't say enough good things about Mary Baldwin and the well-rounded education it gave me," said Nolte in a 2002 article in MBC's *Columns*. She plays guitar, attends ballet and symphony. She became a pediatrician and allergist, before "retiring" to manage her 28-acre organic farm in Oregon where she raises cattle, goats, walnuts, and hazelnuts (*www.laffalotfarm.com*).

Nolte finished her degree in chemistry from Mary Baldwin while completing the first year of medical school in Kentucky at University of Louisville. She did a pediatric residency in Chicago while her husband was a surgical resident.



Several years later, she did a fellowship in immunology and allergy that became very important later when her husband was stationed by the U.S. Navy at the military hospital on Guam. She was the only allergist on the island at that time. She also did a study on two diseases that were prevalent on Guam for the National Institutes of Health.

The Nolte family was on the island of Guam when Super Typhoon Pamela hit the island with deadly force. [A typhoon, which spins in the opposite direction as a hurricane, sustains winds of at least 111 mph versus a super typhoon, which sustains winds of at least 150 mph. Super Typhoon Pamela sustained winds of 190 mph.] "At Guam Memorial Hospital, the lab was demolished. A coconut tree flew through a tiny window and harpooned the freezer, where much frozen data was stored. The wind force stripped all the paint off of cars and destroyed the homes of most of my patients." The tropical island also launched Nolte's photographic career, something she continues to enjoy (*www.noltestockphoto.com*).

No longer a practicing physician, Nolte does consultation, and "I do most of the veterinary care of the livestock on my farm — my brain still works scientifically," she laughed.

Kennon Poynter '00, a major in biology and minor in chemistry, just earned a doctorate in human genetics

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— CHARLOTTE WENGER '83

from Virginia Commonwealth University, where she specialized in breast cancer research, and is job hunting now.

Allison Hurley Predecki '94, a major in chemistry, went to Wake Forest University and earned a PhD in organic chemistry in 1998. She did a postdoctoral fellowship at Emory University before accepting assistant professorship of chemistry at Shippensburg University, where she is currently applying for tenure and promotion.

Saundra Eareckson Seifert '84 wanted to be a pediatrician from the age of eight and planned to major in biology. The best laid plans … "I fell in love with Professors James Patrick, Elizabeth Hairfield, and Margaret Pinkston, and my major changed to chemistry. My years at MBC were among the best in my life," she recalled. Seifert went on to University of Texas Health Science Center for medical school and a pediatric residency at Georgetown University in Washington DC. She later taught pediatrics at Texas Tech Health Science Center before settling in San Angelo, Texas. "I still practice pediatrics and cannot envision a time when I won't," she declared.

There are many studies and much debate on the subject of women in science. Prominent debates, such as those between Marc Hauser and Elizabeth Spelke of Harvard's Mind, Brain, and Behavior Inter-Faculty Initiative, have kept the issue lively and in the news. At Mary Baldwin College, it has been accepted from day one of Augusta Female Seminary to now, that science *is* for girls.

Here's the thing about telling the stories of science majors at Mary Baldwin College: they go on and on, each as inspiring as the next, each a case in point for women in science, each a compelling reason for Mary Baldwin College to grow its science program and facilities. ▲

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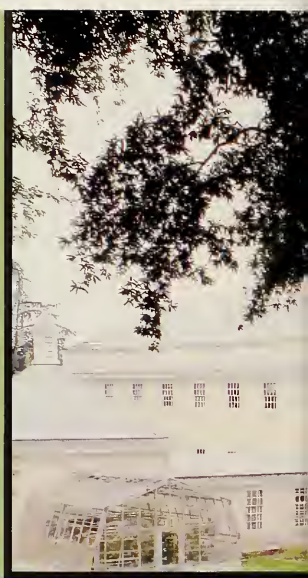
Saundra Eareckson Seifert '84

Pearce Renovation Will Secure Scientific Reputation for the 21st Century

By Dawn Medley



"In my 1952 yearbook, the building where I spent much of my time is just called the 'Biology Building.' The biology club, Tri Beta, met in the first floor lecture room or outside in the garden. Botany and genetics were taught in the lecture room, and downstairs were labs — embryology, comparative anatomy, histology — and microscopes. I studied downstairs in a small room because the dorms were too noisy for me! I count seven science majors in 1952. Dr. Mary Humphreys [professor emerita of biology] used to drive us to the movies. We had fun — biology students were socially close."

— Janet Russell Steelman '52, who recently made a significant contribution for the renovation of Pearce Science Center

From the time Augusta Female Seminary opened and began offering science courses, study of the sciences has made its home in multipurpose classrooms and in several buildings. Between 1936 and 1966, most sciences were taught in Beckler House — a building at the corner of Frederick and Market Streets that was leveled to make way for Grafton Library. For the next few years, sciences were split up in buildings around campus such as the "old dining room" or "old kitchen" until the department found its current home in Jesse Cleveland Pearce Science Center in 1970, named in memory of the husband of Margaret Henderson, Class of 1908.

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A source of great pride as a visionary building when it opened in 1970, Pearce Science Center has served the college well for nearly 40 years. As Mary Baldwin College looks into the future, renovating the building is a necessity in the face of the evolving nature of science education, technological and equipment advances, and infrastructure.

Architects at Geier Brown Renfrow worked with the college to develop a plan that would succeed in helping MBC meet five goals for a new collaborative learning environment in Pearce: to enhance opportunities for student research, integrate technology consistently, accommodate multiple methods of learning, encourage planned and informal interaction, and create a sense of discovery and achievement.

As illustrated in architectural renderings, the vision includes a Science Commons that would signal a revitalization of scientific learning and discussion with research-oriented displays and collections showcasing the vibrant learning environment. The building's main entrance will open into the Commons, where students and faculty can meet and intersect en route to class, do research in a science library, and study, interact, and lounge in the Greenhouse Café. The Commons will tangibly communicate that scientific study is important, current, and competitive at MBC.

Envisioned renovations will better align classrooms and labs with the teaching and meeting activities that take place in Pearce along with the addition of subject-specific research labs near

Current classrooms (top) are functional, but a new high-tech classroom as envisioned by architects at Geier Brown and Renfrow (bottom) would feature updated technology that enhances instruction and more closely represents what students will encounter in graduate school and work environments.

faculty offices creating research clusters. A state-of-the art classroom near the Commons will expose students to high-tech instruction that more closely represents what they will encounter in graduate school and work environments.

Pearce was modestly renovated in 1998; labs and classrooms were rewired and a new coat of paint brightened the interior. Wireless Internet service was completed on campus in 2007. Funding from Booth Ferris Foundation this year allowed the college to upgrade instruction technology in all primary classrooms in Pearce: projectors; document cameras capable of enlarging books, papers, and more; upgrades to make the sound from computers audible around the room; and wall controls. One lecture room in the building features a sym-

The goal for the proposed renovation of Pearce (top, an existing hallway) includes reconfiguration to better align classrooms and labs with the teaching and meeting activities that take place in Pearce, the addition of subject-specific research labs near offices creating research clusters, and informal spaces for gathering between classes (bottom).

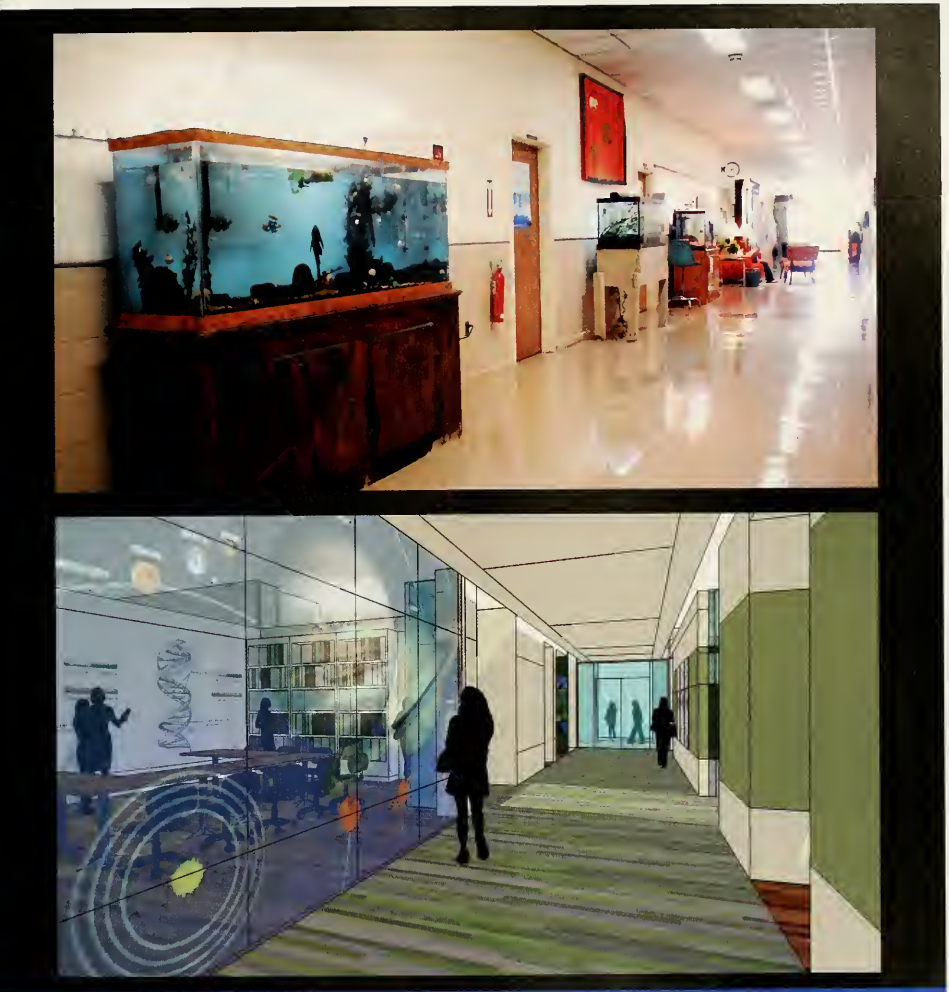
podium — a presentation station that allows professors to write on slides in digital ink, access Web sites or multimedia files, and project onto a large screen. All of that represents vital technological improvement, but it is a fraction of what will be needed to bring Pearce up to standards for 21st-century studies.

Mary Baldwin College professors pride themselves on giving students hands-on experience that is usually found only in graduate school, but those who work and study in Pearce know that the day is approaching when students' aptitude and inquiry will surpass the college's scientific resources. DNA sequencing and molecular and cell biology technology must reflect the enormous advances of recent years. The addition of a computational chemistry

From the central Science Commons, the vision for Pearce includes opening access to an existing hidden stair (top) that connects the second and third levels of the building (bottom). A new stair would connect the first and second floors, improving pedestrian circulation through the building and into Francis Auditorium.

station, fluorescence microscope with digital image capture, geographic information system technology, and a high vacuum system would amplify students' opportunity to excel in research. The building's infrastructure ("circulatory system", so to speak) needs overhaul to include new plumbing, electrical wiring, lighting, and heating/cooling systems, among others. Those are all requirements necessary for scientific study as well as safety.

"We believe the best way to learn science is by doing it," reads the first sentence on the MBC biology faculty's Web site (*www./academic.mbc.edu/biology*). Unlike so many schools where students may only watch faculty using scientific equipment, visitors to Pearce do not find rows of equipment untouched



In contrast to the current hallway on the third floor of Pearce (top), a key part of the proposed renovation is an inviting Science Commons with research-oriented displays and collections showcasing the vibrant learning environment. The Commons connects to a Greenhouse Café on one side and small glass-walled science library (bottom) on the other.

by student fingerprints. Instead they see some new pieces scattered among many that are affectionately used and dutifully cared for. The "discovery method" — hands-on learning that encourages students to engage in everything from extracting strands of DNA to lifting their binoculars to glimpse a Field Sparrow in a meadow at 7 a.m. — reigns supreme.

Pearce is the established home of the sciences at MBC. With modernization of Pearce "in-place" (without building a new structure) it will be a home that reflects the inventive, original research and hands-on learning that occurs there. It will be a home that makes the name Mary Baldwin College synonymous with science education for women. ▲

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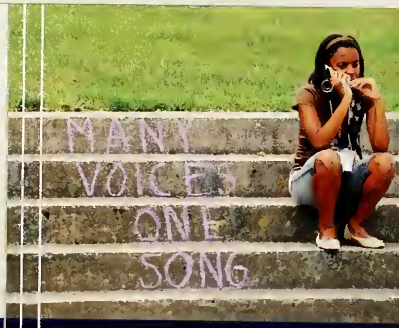

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Alumnae/i Board President Kellie Warner '90 in Conversation with the Editor

We have just seen a powerful glimpse of what alumnae/i can do when challenged to step up. Tell us more about 2007–08 successes.

It was a fantastic year. This a very exciting time to be engaged with the college, especially as we continue to see fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the college's strategic plan, *Composing Our Future*.

As an Alumnae/i Association, we made terrific progress towards those goals through an interactive Class Leadership workshop and the largest Reunion Weekend in years. Reunion classes (2s and 7s) and the Grafton Society gave more than $500,000 to the 2006–07 Annual Fund and met the generous challenge match (1:1) extended by Bertie Deming Smith '46. Our other alumnae/i, parents, and friends of the college raised about $1.5 million towards the Annual Fund goal.

Proceeds from our Gift Shop also helped to fund Class Leadership and Reunion weekends as well as purchase two automatic external defibrillators. One of the life-saving defibrillators is in the Physical Activities Center and when removed from its holder, alerts someone to contact rescue services and security personnel. The other will be used as a mobile unit, stored in the Security Office for fast transport to wherever it may be needed on campus.

Just in its second full year of activity, how is the Class Leadership initiative progressing?

The program is well underway and has achieved terrific momentum. To date, we have conducted workshops with all classes except those ending in 1 and 6 with whom we will meet in fall 2008.

The classes engaged thus far have formed their leadership teams and continually raise the bar with respect to their creativity and commitment in increasing the level of engagement and connectedness. We certainly witnessed that this past spring with the classes who returned to campus as the first participants in the Class Leadership program to attend a Reunion Weekend.

What's at the top of your list for alumnae/i goals this year?

We continue to focus our efforts on the Class Leadership Program and Reunion Weekend 2008. We are also working with the Advisory Board of Visitors and Student Life Office to establish a mentoring program for students and alumnae/i.

Full engagement in this year's Annual Fund campaign is also a priority. As you may know, private colleges and universities receive no assistance for the maintenance of buildings and grounds, among other things. As such, the college is reliant upon unrestricted contributions to the Annual Fund for its operating expenses.

We achieved fantastic success during last year's campaign as Annual Fund contributions totaled almost $2 million. We have even more work to do this year (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008) to meet the $2.5 million goal, which includes the final phase of Mrs. Smith's challenge (i.e., a matching gift of $750,000). It is our support that will make the difference and I am confident that we will reach our goal.

More information regarding Bertie Deming Smith '46 and her remarkable commitment to the college can be found at: *www.mbc.edu/smithchallenge/aboutsmith.asp*.

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1939

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HAZEL ASTIN Nelson-Spillman of San Antonio TX married Andrew in 2005. Her grandson's wife gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl. Both of Hazel's military grandsons have been promoted to lieutenant colonels.

1942

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MAXINE HAM Harrison of Alexandria VA lost her husband in 2006. She has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, all of whom live nearby • **ANNE HAYES Davis** of Greensboro NC and a few of her "MBC girls" and their families met in Williamsburg VA for a mini-reunion.

1944

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BETTY COOKE Wood of Dallas TX enjoys being a grandmother.

1946

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ALICE PARSON Paine of Salem VA enjoys spending time with her 3 great-grandchildren, Adeline, Lennon, and Collier.

1947

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ELEANOR "BUNNY" ARMISTEAD Knipp moved to a retirement home in Cockeysville MD. "Have cycled around Europe 7 times and am now into River Boat Cruises. Last one was beautiful — Moscow to St. Petersburg."

1950

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FRANCES COSTELLO Roller of McLean VA celebrated her 80th birthday, "and the celebration lasted for months!"

1952

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In 2006, **MARY "DUFFIE" McBRYDE Gray** of Sparks MD observed her 75th birthday in Egypt. "It was magical!"

1954

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The Miller School of Charlottesville VA and its Alumni Association presented the Samuel Miller Memorial Award to **JESSIE CARR Haden** of Charlottesville VA last March. The school hosted a gala reception in her honor. The Award recognizes a significant, long-term commitment to improving the lives of young people in Albemarle County and Charlottesville.

1956

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MARY "ELAINE" BALDWIN moved to San Ramon CA with her daughter and grandson. She enjoys the arts, AAUW, yoga, politics, and visiting with classmate **JEANETTE FISHER Reid** in Black Mountain NC.

1957

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ANN KENNEDY Melton of Davidson NC: "Julius and I have sold our home to our daughter and her family and moved around the corner to The Pines at Davidson retirement community. We have a lovely apartment with a view of the woods." They enjoy local activities and travel.

1960

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PATSY LITTLE Culpepper of Oxford MS writes that her husband has retired. They divide their time between Oxford MS and Montreat NC. • **N. ELAINE VAUGHN Cotner** of Muncie IN has 5 grandchildren and recently visited Kenya.

1962

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JANE COLEMAN Balfour of Richmond VA and husband Dan took a cruise on the Danube River through Germany, Austria, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic, and ending in Budapest. • Have you ever been accosted by the police in Acropolis? Have you ever been detained by security in a foreign country? No? Then you missed a chance to travel with MBC's enthusiastic and energetic Dr. Vladimir Garkov, associate professor of chemistry. Such was the trip to Turkey and Greece which brought together classmates **KENT SEABURY Rowe**, **LINDA DOLLY Hammack** and husband Paul, as well as traveling companions **ANN GORDON ABBOTT Evans '65** and husband Rusty, **VIRGINIA ROYSTER Francisco '64**, and students from MBC, Sweet Briar, and University of Sophia in Bulgaria. It was wonderful and never dull. • **BETSY SCOTT Featherstone** of Richmond VA says her main volunteer job is taking care

ANNE PERRIN Flynn '74, KRISTINA "MISSY" MALLONEE Buckingham '74, ANNE TRICE Chewning '74, SUSAN HAZELWOOD Buffington '76, MARY McCARTY Martin '76, NANCY BROWN LAWLER Milam '76, DOROTHY "DOT" TULL Mothershead '76 and **SALLIE PERRIN White '76** have a mini-reunion at Sallie's home in Greenville SC.

MBC ladies from the 1950s gathered in Durham NC for a mini-reunion. Front row, l to r: **M. ELIZABETH "LIZ" DE LOACH '54, SUSANNAH "PAGE" SMITH Hartley '55, JULIA VANN Kenan '54, NANCY RAWLES Grissom '54, MARGARET NEEL QUERY Keller '55**. Back row, l to r: **ANN SHAW Miller '54, JESSIE CARR Haden '54, BETSY ROBINSON Harrison '55, WINIFRED "WINI" BOGGS Myrick '54**, and **JOHANNA PAUL Elder '54**.

of her 7 grandchildren. Her church involvement includes prayer shawl and hat-knitting ministries and singing in the choir. • **PRIOR MEADE Cooper** of Norfolk VA is a massage therapist and enjoys painting watercolors. She and husband Gerry help with grandchildren who live in Charlottesville. • The Richmond gals have formed a lunch bunch. **ANOINETTE "TONI" HARRISON Jamison, "DOUG" LAUGHON Wallace, BETSY SCOTT Featherstone, SHIRLEY FILE Robbins, BETTY KELLEY Peple, CATHERINE "KIT" KAVANAGH, JANE COLEMAN Balfour,** and **KENT SEABURY Rowe** meet once a month. • **VERA THOMAS James** of Trophy Club TX is retired and stays busy with family, travel, the arts, Disciple Bible class, and church activities. • **MARY "BONNIE" STONE Adler** of Atlanta GA: "Enjoyed a trip to Russia in 2006 with my husband. We have 3 grandchildren."

1963

REUNION '08

Contact your class secretary by January 18 with news for your class column: Minta McDiarmid Nixon
cnixon17@comcast.net
Come one, come all! A great Reunion week has been planned, so mark your calendars and join us. We will begin at Peaks of Otter on the evening of March 31 and stay until April 4. Please let **JUDY LIPES Garst** (*mbcjudyg@aol.com*) of Salem VA know your plans, as she is making our event reservations. However, we each need to make our own lodging reservations at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel (540-885-4848) for the nights of April 4 and 5. It won't be a great Reunion without you • The mini-reunion held in California last April was a success. Enjoying the fun were **SHEARER TROXELL Luck, CAROLYN HALDEMAN Hawkins, EMILY DETHLOFF Ryan, SUE JORDAN Rodarte, DOROTHEA "HONEY" BESSIRE Morris, TERRY GEGGIE Fridley, BETSY BAKER Baxter** and **BECKY CANNADY Merchant • LUCY MORRIS Gay** of Carrollton GA and husband Jim have retired and spend time at their mountain cabin in North Georgia. Jim has published a historical novel. • **PEGGY MAPP Thacker** of York PA remarried in 2004 but kept her legal name. She has 5 granddaughters • **MINTA McDIARMID Nixon** of Augusta GA and Cobbs spent time in Santa Fe NM • **JULIA "LANE" WRIGHT Cochrane** of Salem VA is busy with 5 grandchildren. She spent a month in Europe this summer and looks forward to Reunion • **LYNN BUTTS McNeese, SHEARER TROXELL Luck,** and **BECKY CANNADY Merchant** enjoyed a week at Pawleys Island SC.

1966

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VIRGINIA "GINGER" TIMBES Ewing of Westport CT and husband Hem welcomed first grandchild Jackson Wainwright Ewing. He was born to eldest son Meredyth III and Whitney, just before the new grandparents set sail on the Mediterranean. Son Spencer works in Washington DC.

1967

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with news for your class column:
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Greetings, angels in disguise, from your new class secretaries! At the Reunion in March 2007, we discussed the possibility of creating a class round-robin email. There was much enthusiasm, and by the time you read this, you should have received the first invitation to share your news with the class by email. We will be in touch with all of you this year, requesting news, views, photos, sharing plans, joys, and sorrows. We'll organize them into periodic class notes and zap them off to everybody in the class. Thanks in advance for participating; we look forward to hearing from classmates all over the world • **ANNE SLATER Coyner** restored her mother's home (circa 1810) in Delaplane VA and moved in last spring • **PATRICIA FORBES** of Albuquerque NM celebrated the wedding of her daughter in 2006 • **BARBARA HORNER-Miller** of Fairbanks AK: "In November 2006 I was general chair of SC06, the most renowned conference in my field. Jack and I had lunch with MBC classmate **JACQUELYN "JACKIE" STROUPE Pace** of Mooresville NC on the way to the final committee meeting."

1968

REUNION '08

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Jane Starke Sims
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JENNIFER JAMES of Annandale VA hosted son Brian's wedding, went to Canada to visit her first granddaughter, son Christopher, and his wife Jenny. Work has taken her to the Dominican Republic, Panama, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Kenya • **SUE OGLESBY Doyle** and Chris moved to Riverhead NY where he is pastor of Riverhead United Methodist Church. She works as a

BRENDA NICHOL Goings '71 and **MARGARET WOODSON Nea '63** met when travelling with a group to Iona and other Celtic sites in Scotland.

LYNN BUTTS McNeese '63, SHEARER TROXELL Luck '63, and **BECKY CANNADY Merchant '63** reminisced while visiting Pawley's Island GA.

On family vacation in Washington DC and the Shenandoah Valley, **JULIE SLAVIK Budnik '84** introduced daughters Jordan (l) and Brooke (r) to MBC.

L to r: **ALISON KAUFMANN '07**, **ANGELA GONZALEZ '06**, **LYNN GILLILAND '80**, bride **CARA MAGOLDA Tucker '06**, **LEIGH FRAME '06**, **ASHLEY BARKSDALE '06**, and **JULIA MESSER '06**.

"JANIE" CARTER Vaughan '69, **DIXIE EPES Hoggan '67**, **ELIZABETH BARKLEY Ravenal '67**, **ANNIE CAROLINE BUTT Reid '67**, and **GAY GILMORE Butler '67** celebrated the wedding of Dixie's daughter in September 2006.

KAMALA PAYNE '06 (l) and Rev. Andrea Cornett-Scott (r) flanked bride **JENNIFER OLIVER '03** at her wedding. Jennifer was Kamala's Big Sista at MBC.

KATHRYN "FIELD" SYDNOR Sheffield '96 and Walter tied the knot in Richmond VA. Joining in the celebration are (l to r): **KATHERINE KREBS Kogel '96**, **MARY KATHERINE EVANS Hogg '96**, the bride, **JENNIFER KELSAY '96**, **LAUREN McGEE '96**, **ASHLEY WHALEN Johnson '96**, and **RANDALL "RANDY" HORNE Cullen '96**.

Marriages

RUTH LEONARD '72 to Dale Wright, September 30, 2005
DIANA "DINKY" PHINNEY '73 to Gerald Moore, February 23, 2005
SUSAN "CEA CEA" MUSSER '88 to Lewis Cazenave, May 2, 2007
AIMEE RAY '92 to Stephen Dearsley, July 29, 2006
MEREDITH MOLTENI '98 to Frederick "Marshall" Luck, Jr., October 21, 2006
REBECCA MORRISON '98 to Geoffrey Jackson, August 8, 2006
MELODYE HUGHES '00 to Patrick Paruszkiewicz, August 2005
ELIZABETH "BETH" WILLIAMS '00 to Michael Navarro, November 11, 2005
KELLY REESE '01 to Dr. Evan Kaufman, June 9, 2007
A'LEIGH SPENSIERI '02 to Tracy Hamner, August 11, 2007
SUSANNAH BASKERVIL '04 to Lonnie Pittman, May 19, 2007
LITA STASKEY '05 to R. Colin Mitchell, January 29, 2007

MBC friends reconnected at the October 2006 wedding of **MEREDITH MOLTENI '98** and Frederick. Pictured (l to r): **CHRIS ZIEBE Blanton '70**, **ANGIE AMOS Rowe '98**, **ELIZABETH CALHOUN Swarr '98**, **COURTNEY STRAW Keyes '98**, the bride and groom, **SUZANNA "PAIGE" CROCKETT Baker '95**, **ANNE HUNTER PLONK Boone '75**, **"BETH" ZIEBE Elliott '74**, and **ELIZABETH "ASHLEY" FISHER '98**.

KELLY REESE Kaufman '01 and Evan were married in Staunton last June and held their reception at MBC. Back row (l to r): **CATHY SINGLETON '01**, **LEAH GRIFFITH '03**, Middle row (l to r): **EMILY MOTLEY '02**, **LISSIE RICHMOND Lockard '05**, **CATHERINE "DEE DEE" LEWIS Maxwell '74**, the bride, **ELIZABETH HOLLAND '01**, **ERIKA GIRALDO Smith '04**, and **MEGHAN WARD '04**, and (kneeling in front row) the groom.

KENT SEABURY Rowe '62 and **LINDA DOLLY Hammack '62** enjoyed gelato on the Greek island of Syros.

Members of class of 1963 enjoyed the sites in Napa Valley CA. Clockwise, l to r: **SHEARER TROXELL Luck**, **CAROLYN HALDEMAN Hawkins**, **EMILY DETHLOFF Ryan**, **SUE JORDAN Rodarte**, **HONEY BESSIRE Morris**, **TERRY GEGGI Fridley**, and **BETSY BAXTER Evans**.

Five MBC alumnae, whose friendship goes back to fall of 1938, gathered in Williamsburg VA last April for a mini-reunion. Front row, l to r: **ANNE HAYES Davis '42** and **EVELYN ENGLEMAN Mathews '42**. Back row, l to r: **LAURA "LIZ" LUCK Stiles '42**, **JANE CRAIG Morrison '42**, and **MARGARET "PEGGY" MEREDITH Darden '42.**

reference librarian in a large public library and teaches ESL conversation classes • **DR. LUNDIE SPENCE** of Charleston SC has been the director of the Center for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence SouthEast since 2003. She teaches courses at College of Charleston, University of South Carolina-Baruch Marine Institute, and North Carolina State University. Lundie also enjoys kayaking and sailing.

1969

Send your class notes to: *alumnae@mbc.edu* by January 18. **ANGIER BROCK** of Richmond VA is teaching and writing • **MARY BAKER Hoffman** of Waxhaw NC celebrated the wedding of her eldest son. Her youngest has just started college.

1970

Send your class notes to: *alumnae@mbc.edu* by January 18. **VIRGINIA LEE KINTZ** of Schoharie NY is a partner in a national LTC insurance business • **ISABELLE TURNER Knight** of LaGrange GA is a realtor and has 3 grandchildren • **ELIZABETH "LIZ" JENNINGS Shupe** moved to Lexington VA, where she is associate director of Career Services Center at Washington and Lee University. She and her husband are building a home on the 12 acres where they originally rode horses and ran their dog during the first year of marriage.

1971

Contact your class secretary by January 18 with news for your class column: Laurel "Lolly" Catching Anderson *Lolly@thespiritualtimes.com*
When I (Lolly) worked at MBC in the early 1990s, I met alumnae from other classes who became lifelong friends along with my classmates. Last fall I was thrilled to see **MOLLIE REHMET Cannady '64** and **FLORENCE JONES Rutherford '75,** both of Houston TX, at my book signing • In April in her hometown of Washington DC, **KAY CULBREATH Heller '69** (my big sister when I was a freshman) co-hosted a book signing for me. **MARGARET "MARGIE" ADDISON Shepard** of Washington DC was there. She is associate vice president for advancement at George Washington University • In May I saw **SUSAN THORN Marr '73** of Rancho Santa Fe CA at her home • **KATHERINE DOWNIE** of Little Rock AR loves traveling the state implementing the Even Start Literacy/Parenting from Prison program for the Centers for Youth and Families. She sees **MARTHA BOOTH Jennison '70** of St. Augustine FL once a year • **BRENDA NICHOL Goings** of Mount Airy NC and **MARGARET WOODSON Nea '63** of Richmond VA met each other when they traveled with a group to Iona and other Celtic sites in Scotland • **NANCY MORSE Evans** of Pattison TX is an oncology nurse • **KATHY TERRELL** of Ann Arbor MI is a professor of business economics and public policy at University of Michigan. "My husband Jan and I write papers together and will be on sabbatical next year at the World Bank in Washington, DC, so let me know if you are in town" • **BONNIE BRACKETT Weaver** of West Palm Beach FL gets together with **BRENDA NICHOL Goings**, **LAURA REINHARDT Houston**, and **BARBARA "BABSIE" PAGE** • **CATHERINE "KATE" GLADDEN Schultz** of Winchester VA welcomed home eldest son Tommy from the Philippines with the Peace Corps. Sons Preston and Tas are, respectively, an environmental consultant and a lawyer.

1972

Contact your class secretary by January 18 with news for your class column: Liz Smith Strimple *lizstrimple@verizon.net*
Your new class officers are looking forward to our next gathering. **SUSAN RICHARDS Tyler** of Madison Heights VA works for WorldStrides, an organization that assists teachers across the country in planning domestic and international travel programs for students • **GINA HEISE Lodge** of Nashville TN is commissioner of the Department of Human Services for Tennessee • **BARBARA ROBERTSON Burke** of Richmond VA had orthopedic surgery on her foot and hand. She isn't ruling out plastic surgery to get in shape for our 40th • **DENISE CRAIG Stafford** of Spotsylvania VA enjoys retirement with husband Alan on their farm • **ROWENA LLOYD Turco** of Paris, France sends best wishes • **DONA CONNOLLY Mastin** of Beavercreek OH missed our Reunion as son Charlie was married that weekend. She is a reference librarian and volunteer • **SALLIE HUBARD Moore** and husband Owen are moving to Celebration FL in 2008 to be closer to daughter Emily and family • **LINDA VERNER Smith** of Lake Oswego OR will soon be a grandmother • **JEANNE JACKSON** of Birmingham AL got together with **EVE BREMERMANN Collard** in San Francisco CA. They shopped, hiked, and laughed about their junior year in Paris. Jeanne's youngest son is a senior at Washington and Lee • **RUTH "LOVELACE" COOK** of Fairhope AL offers marketing and public relations services through her company, Lovelace Cook Communications. She has lots of adopted furry critters, writes, and does photography. She thinks about **PLAYER MCPHAUL**, **MARY "BARBIE" PHIPPS Such** and **CLAUDIA TURNER Bagwell** • **RUTH LEONARD** of Alexandria VA has worked for the State Department Foreign Service since 1999. She married Dale Wright, a U.S. foreign commercial service attaché, in Maui in 2005. • **JANIE DAVIS Richardson** of Shreveport LA is volunteering, traveling, taking Spanish, and enjoying a new grandbaby • **MELINDA BELL Warren** of Trent Woods NC is a dentist and grandmother of 2. Her daughter has joined her dental practice and her son obtained a master's degree at UCLA.

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What's it like...

to be a pioneer in the Adult Degree Program?

Through and through, **Diane Babral** is a member of the Mary Baldwin College Class of 1978. True, she may not have entered the college as a 17- or 18-year-old freshman in 1974, as many of those who graduated with her did. She did not live on campus and take classes full-time, but that did not diminish her association with the college or weaken her kinship with members of the class. At age 25, Babral was a working mother. She was also a student; one of the first in MBC's inventive program that set a precedent for adult education in Virginia.

"Even though I wasn't much older than the regular students, I did feel like a pioneer," said Babral, who manages an inpatient psychiatric unit at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

When Babral started taking classes at Mary Baldwin in 1976, the college had not yet finalized the Adult Degree Program (ADP), so she enrolled as a full-time student in the only program available at that time — traditional undergraduate. However, as a young mother working part-time, a full course load with classes during the typical work day was a struggle.

Babral stuck with it as a full-time student until ADP officially launched in Staunton in 1977. She was eager to be one of the first eight students to enroll and grateful to replace some daytime classes with independent studies. She also convinced administrators to apply her on-the-job experience as a nurse — now referred to as experiential learning — and previous credits from University of Pittsburgh toward her degree. Other colleges and universities Babral looked into did not offer those options. Although work and family obligations took much of her time outside class, she was honored as a member of Psi Chi, the psychology honors club, and participated in its activities.

"I do feel like we helped shape the program because they want a lot of feedback," said Babral, a sociology and psychology double major. She helped persuade the college of the value of experiential learning and she noticed that several other registered nurses entered the program after her tenure.

Twenty years after her graduation, a significant person in Babral's life finished the Adult Degree Program, too. Her husband, Jerry, completed his bachelor's degree through an expanded, increasingly flexible version of the program in 1998.

"I convinced him to wear his cap and gown and participate in graduation. I knew he would feel that he missed something if he didn't," Babral said.

Babral did not doubt that ADP — celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2007 — would have longevity, but she couldn't envision its geographic expansion and the addition of multiple ways for adults to complete courses. Adult and graduate programs are now offered in Charlottesville, Richmond, Roanoke, South Boston, and Weyers Cave. The college will open a sixth regional center at Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton, Virginia in January 2008. Students can do their coursework via lecture-style classes, online tutorials, or independent or group study.

"I may have been a little older, but I feel that I earned my degree like everyone else who graduated that day," Babral said. ▲

The Adult Degree Program celebrated 30 years, traditionally known as the "pearl anniversary" with a reception in June 2007 in Staunton. MBC's adult program was the first of its kind in the state in 1977.

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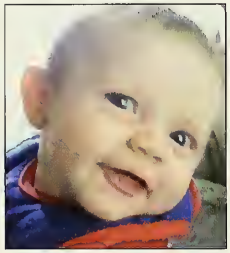
You will soon receive details from your class leadership and you may check the Web site for updates, too. If you have questions, contact your class leadership or Alumnae/i and Parent Relations Office at 800-763-7359 or email *alumnae@mbc.edu*.

Anastasia, daughter of **SUZANNAH MEYER Zachos '97** and husband Nick, was born in February 2007. Ana is the niece of **"KATY" MEYER Hulse '02.**

MEREDITH TOWNSEND Carrington '02 and Bobby welcomed Tripp into the world in May 2007.



George is the son of **ANNI LORI HILL Foster '99** and husband David.

Little Abigail is the niece (and partial namesake) of **KELLEY REXROAD '79.** "A Squirrel-to-be!" Kelley writes. "I figure that as a residential student, she would graduate in 2029 – my 50th Reunion year."

Births

SHELBY POWELL Drinkard '89 and Rodney: a son, Powell Scott, June 19, 2007
MARY FRANCES "FRANCIE" HUFFSTETLER Teer '92 and Edward: a daughter, Sadie, December 6, 2006
BETH BOWLES Duchanaud '92 and Stephane: twin girls, Margaux Dale and Charlotte Boxley, October 13, 2006
BRITTNEY HALL Gill '93 and Matthew: a son, Landon Whiteley, June 17, 2006
DIAHANN "BUFFY" DeBREAUX-Watts '93 and Clyde: a son, Clyde Sherman, October 10, 2006
DUSTIN WELLS '94 and Patti: a daughter, Nora Elisabeth, March 13, 2007
GRETA SCOTT Selden '95 and Stephen: a son, Landon Kirby, September 29, 2006
MARTA GALOPIN Kalleberg '96 and Jack: a son, Kristian Torbjorn, May 2, 2007
CAMALA BEAM Kite '96 and Robbie: a son, Bryden Carter, June 18, 2006
KERRY ROLAND Martinez '96 and Nick: a son, John Cade, February 22, 2007
JENNIFER HOPKINS Rittling '96 and Charles: a son, Charles "Charlie" Conway, March 20, 2007
TAMARA AVIS Smith '96 and Jason: a daughter, Martha Addison, November 14, 2006
LESLIE COKER Crocker '97 and Warren Randolph: a daughter, Olivia Batson, September 5, 2006
ELIZABETH "RENEE" GIBSON Dunford '97 and Wade: a son, Connor, September 18, 2006
CRYSTAL CASTEEN Pullen '97 and Kirk: a daughter, Isabelle, September 5, 2006
KATHLEEN "KATIE" McCABE Thielen '97 and Jason: a daughter, Satori Rose, May 23, 2007
SUZANNAH MEYER Zachos '97 and Nick: a daughter, Anastasia "Ana" Maro, February 5, 2007
EMILY ALEXANDER Douglas '98 and Kris: a daughter, Eleanor Bell, March 14, 2007
SARA MACKEY Dunn '98 and Dan: a son, Isaac Salvatore, January 9, 2007
KATHERINE "KATE" LANGLOIS Faraci '98 and Steve: a son, Stephen Matthew, Jr., February 25, 2007
CHARISSA STOUFFER Larson '98 and Michael: a son, Tyler Nichols, January 30, 2007
ERIN BERNACHE Alberts '99 and Kirk, a son: Leo Timothy, August 17, 2007
ANNI LORI HILL Foster '99 and David: a son, George William "Will," April 14, 2007
LEILA McINTYRE King '99 and Chris: a daughter, Scarlett Grace, January 2, 2007
SARAH LANGLOIS Luther '00 and Stephen: twins, Austin Lee and Emma Frances, January 7, 2006
MELODYE HUGHES Paruszkiewicz '00 and Patrick: a daughter, Mira Grace, April 2007
LAURA FRENCH Pearson '00 and Brian: a son, Jonathan Asher, June 19, 2007
REBECCA CUSTER Snyder '00 and Mark: a daughter, Ember Rose, November 22, 2006
MEREDITH TOWNSEND Carrington '02 and Bobby: a son, Robert Dale III ("Tripp"), May 31, 2007
KRISTEN BRYANT Gould '02 and Lee: a daughter, Bridget Allison, August 3, 2006
EMILY ALLEN Jiancristoforo '02 and Mike: a daughter, Hannah Colyer, April 16, 2007
CHINYELU "CHI-CHI" CHIEMELU Tyler '02 and Chaz: a daughter, Anaiah Deanzy, July 9, 2007
JENNIFER CHEATHAM '03 and Jeff Rew, a son: Matthew Lynn, February 2, 2006
KRISTIN COOPER Mullen '03 and Keith, a daughter: Kaitlynn Madison, October 11, 2006
JENNIFER CARMAN Lovell '04 and Conrad, a son: Cyrus Nathaniel, September 10, 2006

HELEN MUCCITELLI '94 fulfilled a lifelong dream last spring when she earned her pilot's license.

EMILY OEHLER '93 was installed as president of the Junior League of Northern Virginia. During her tenure, the organization will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

1973
REUNION '08

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"JOANIE" KIRBY Brawley of Winter Haven FL graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary in May and became an ordained priest in the Episcopal Church. "All four children have graduated from college – a new chapter begins" • **DIANA "DINKY" PHINNEY Moore** married John in 2005. "Our time is filled with traveling, sailing and RV'ing while staying at state and national parks, where we bike and hike. The highlight of our trips was the journey to South America which was life-altering. We renewed our vows deep in a Costa Rica jungle; on our second anniversary, we had our marriage blessed by a shaman in a Mayan ceremony at the ruins of Copan in Honduras." She looks forward to seeing classmates at the reunion in April.

1974

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MARY "KATHARINE" BEAMAN Freuchtenicht of West Bloomfield MI published her first book. *The Translator* is an historic romance set in Germany in 1945 and is available through *www.publishamerica.com, www.barnesandnoble.com,* and *www.borders.com.*

1975

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alumnae@mbc.edu by January 18.
SALLIE PERRIN White of Greenville SC and several of her classmates met up with Sallie's sister **ANNE PERRIN Flynn '74** and some of Anne's classmates for a spirited gathering.

1977

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MARY HUNTER LEACH of Kilauea HI: "Uprooting my parents' home after 45 years was a monumental mid-life review. Life in paradise continues to evolve – am becoming more of an activist about community environmental concerns. Aloha." • **ANN BARTLEY Gardner** of Staunton VA earned a master's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and works as a certified rehab counselor. Her daughter attends Hollins University • **MARCIA WHITED** of South Portland ME took a new job as senior claims consultant for ETNA Insurance. She keeps busy with tap and piano lessons, Chinese school, and renovating her home • **SARAH THOMSON Dick** of Winchester VA: "Daughter Amy graduated from college. Daughter Christine is interning with Atlantic City Church in Georgia."

1978
REUNION '08

Contact your class secretary by January 18 with news for your class column:
Martha Gates
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SUSAN McKEMY of Palm Beach Garden FL just completed certification and is a trainer and facilitator for Bob Proctor Life Success Consulting.

1979

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KELLEY REXROAD of Odessa FL started a firm three years ago and is a nationally published author and speaker, known as America's HR Specialist. In April on 29,000 worldwide America Airline flights, passengers heard an interview with Kelley on Sky Radio's "Business and Technology Report." To hear it, visit her website: *www.krexconsulting.com.*

1981

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WILMI BALLESTER Schmidt of Palestine IL was promoted to manager of Marketing Innovators' new division, Client Services. This summer she celebrated three years of marriage to Martin.

1982

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MARIAN "ELIZABETH" VENEY Okoye of Centerville OH is an international financial specialist. She and husband John (an OB/GYN currently in Turkey) have 2 sons, Adam and Daniel. Elizabeth volunteers for the Epilepsy Foundation of Western Ohio, Junior League, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., and Delta Sigma Theta • **SARA PENDLETON Tartala** of Newport News VA is going back to sschool for certification in English as a second language • **DAPHNE ANDREWS Stickley** and family have moved into a new home in Lexington VA and her daughter started college • **LUANNE WHITLOW Goodloe** of Staunton VA and husband bought Rask Florist several years ago.

1984

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On a recent family trip to Washington DC, **JULIE SLAVIK Budnik** of Decatur GA visited the MBC campus with husband Tom and daughters Jordan (15) and Brooke (12). While in the area, Julie and family had dinner with classmate **ROBIN NEWCOMB Lemo** of Springfield VA and her family.

1985

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SUSAN MARIE BROECKER Gish of Randolph NJ has a home-based cookie business. You can see her work at *www.mrsgishshomemadecookies.com* and *www.coopergifts.com.* Susan taught school before launching her at-home business.

1986

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SUSAN ESLER of Ashburn VA was promoted to hospital sales specialist with AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, LP. She has a master's in education from The College of William & Mary. She enjoys getting together with MBC classmates **JULIE ELLSWORTH Cox, KAREN LATSHAW Schaub,** and **CHARISSA CAMP Hutchings**

1987

Contact your class secretary by January 18 with news for your class column:
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MELISSA McCULLOUGH Carter moved to a new home in Columbia SC. She and husband Stewart have 2 daughters, Reid and Wells. Melissa works as manager of the state's optional retirement program and enrollment fund • **JANICE ANDERSON Femeyhough-Tanner** of Milton DE was widowed in 2001 and is remarried to Nathan. They have a new baby, Samantha, and son Goss (9) • **HELEN IAMS** of Cheyenne WY works as a sports medicine doctor for Jelly Belly Professional Cycling Team. She has been married to husband Rich for 18 years • **TERRI HINTON** of Raleigh NC: "I'm wondering how my old classmates are doing these days? Feel free to call or email me" • **LENORE PATTERSON-Ball** of Chapel Hill NC is CEO and publisher of *The Bride's Book,* a bridal magazine, which was awarded a Gold Hermes Award for outstanding work in the marketing and communications industry.

1988
REUNION '08

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MARY MELISSA "LISA" DERBY of Kirkland WA joined Microsoft in late January. She is on the strategic marketing team, which produces the Worldwide Partner Conference and several Partner Advisory Councils. "I have traveled to Denver, Seattle, Sao Paulo, Brazil and San Diego" • **SUSAN "CEA CEA" MUSSER Cazenave** of Montezuma GA teaches 6th grade. "On May 2, 2007, I married Lewis, who stays busy with two fulltime jobs as deputy sheriff of Macon County GA and a security officer for Georgia Power. Sons Tommy (12) and Bradley (9) enjoy their new stepfather."

1989

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SHELBY POWELL Drinkard of Smyrna GA and husband Rodney welcomed son Powell Scott in June 2007. Mayson (2) is excited to be a big sister.

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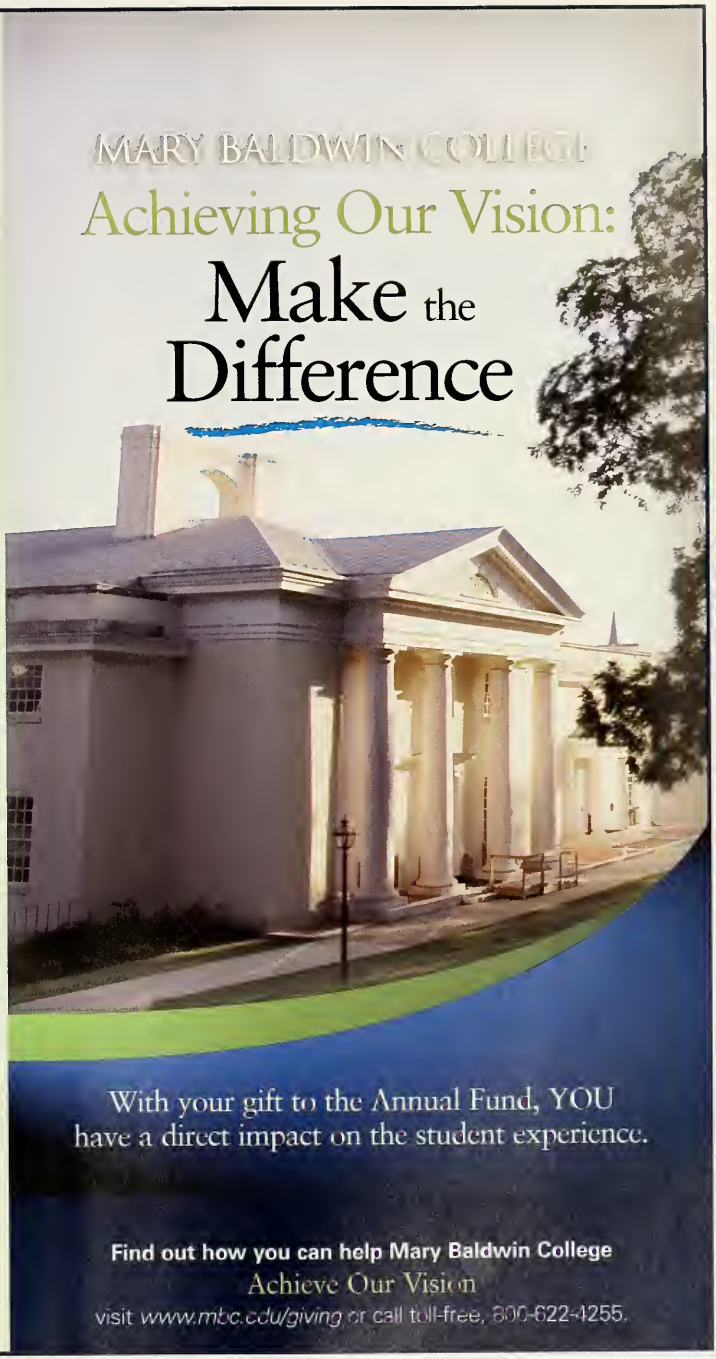
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What's it like...
to be serving in Iraq?

Friends and family: I miss you all so much. Life in Baghdad has been very busy. Other than the understandable stress of war, the soldiers are doing fine. The military tries to keep our morale up with three "hots and a cot" (three good meals and a place to sleep). I guess it works, but nothing can negate the fact that we live in a place where people die uselessly every day. I cover at the hospital sometimes. It is the only trauma center that treats civilians and military. I don't know how the nurses work there every day. I only go once a week and it is a sobering reminder that life is more precious and more serious than most people will ever understand.

We try to stay positive and do what we can to help one other. We do various humanitarian projects. The Iraqis that live around us are very poor, but have very big hearts. We visit often and bring them supplies. It makes my day to play with the children and hold the babies. I'm heading Operation *Habibi* (love). Small groups of soldiers adopt a local family and find ways to improve their quality of life. We teach them to do the same by helping each other so when we leave, things won't fall apart. For example, we help them by repairing a house, and then we take that family to help another family repair their house — experiential learning at its finest.

Life in Baghdad is very hard for the Iraqis. If they work for us (which is practically the only way to earn money) and get caught, they are usually held for ransom, tortured, and killed.

I often wonder what I'm doing here and if I can even make a difference, but I think of the starfish on the beach story, and I know I make a difference one child at a time. I lose a lot of sleep, but when I lay my head down at night, I can do so knowing that I've done everything I can to make a difference. I miss you all. ▲

— Amy (Swope '07)

Now a chaplain's assistant working primarily in hospitals and orphanages in Baghdad with the 116th Infantry Brigade Combat Team of Staunton's National Guard unit, Swope graduated from Mary Baldwin College in May 2007. She deployed before Commencement, so her parents, Bob and Linda Swope, were on hand to accept the diploma for studio art (pottery and interior design) major.

1992

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AIMEE RAY Dearsley of Midlothian VA and Stephen were married in July 2006. "Many friends from our class were there" • **MARY FRANCES "FRANCIE" HUFFSTETLER Teer** of Williamsburg VA is director of development for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula. She enjoys children Jacob and Sadie • **NICOLE FISHER Parkerson** of Wake Forest NC is a partner in a pediatric medical practice. She and Michael are parents of Amelia (8) and Ainsley (3) • **HEATHER JACKSON** of Alexandria VA took a basic culinary class at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris • **LISA GUARIGLIA** of Mechanicsville VA has a 10-year-old daughter and works as an administrative office manager at a family practice in Richmond • **ROSE CHU Beck** of Cleveland Heights OH is a professor of pathology. She and husband Rex welcomed their second child, Andrew • **SHERRY HIGGINS** of Lexington VA is a real estate appraiser • **REBECCA STILL** of Richmond VA is attending seminary to become a missionary • **JULIE KING Maxwell** lives in Fishersville VA with husband Rob and daughter Emma Kate (3). "After 12 years of teaching high school, I moved to middle school to be special education coordinator and assistant principal" • **BETH BOWLES Duchanaud** of New York NY married Stephane in 2000 and welcomed twin daughters Margaux and Charlotte in 2006. She earned a PhD in French literature from New York University and is lecturing there.

1993

REUNION '08

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Hope everyone's calendar is marked for our Reunion April 3-6, 2008! Can you believe it has been 15 years? **EMILY OEHLER** of Alexandria VA joined Booz Allen Hamilton as a senior consultant in the strategic communications division. She is president of Junior League of Northern Virginia •**ALLIE WITT Jamison** of Lawrenceville VA is teaching first grade at Brunswick Academy • **MICHELE ALLEN Angelo** of Stafford VA teaches pre-kindergarten. She plans to return to elementary teaching when her son starts school. Michele stays in touch with **BRITTNEY HALL Gill** of Colonial Heights VA and **SHAWN YOSPIN** of Amelia Court House VA • Speaking of **BRITTNEY**, she is the mother of two boys, Grant and Landon. Landon arrived in June 2006 just after husband Matt changed jobs. Brittney runs their medical supplies business • Also running a business, **ASHLEY TRIPPLEHORN Emerson** of Dallas TX owns a design company, Ashley Emerson Interiors • **TRISH HYLTON Gregory** and **AMY BURROUGHS Ikerd** both live in Raleigh NC. Trish is a lobbyist for Raleigh Regional Realtors and a certified yoga instructor. Amy works for the State Hazardous Material Regional Response Teams as program manager • Have you heard that **STACI BUFORD Hand** of Homewood AL and **MARYLON HAND Barkan** of Birmingham AL are now sisters-in-law? • **DONNA JONES Robinson**, husband Donnie and daughter Marilyn live in Powhatan VA. Donna works for Ryder Transportation Services as an area rental operations and asset manager • **CHRISTYN "CHRISTY" HAWKINS Howell** and Trae bought a condominium in downtown Chicago IL • **REBEKAH "BEKAH" CONN Foster** of Lewisburg WV is education director at Carnegie Hall. She and husband John have children Georgia and Field • **JACQUI ELLIOTT** of Greeneville TN is vice president for admission and financial aid at Tusculum College • **DANA AILSWORTH** of Richmond VA is a business developer at Aquent • **LISA NICHOLS Hickman** of New Wilmington PA is a pastor at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church • **DIAHANN "BUFFY" DeBREAUX-Watts** of Fort Washington MD works in Washington DC: "I am mother of two wonderful children, Tyne Ophelia (4) and Clyde, who was born in 2006" • **KELLY KENNALY** of Lewiston ID is on the MBC Alumnae/i Board and became an "auntie" again. She works with Regence BlueShield.

1994

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HELEN MUCCITELLI of Haverhill MA is a private pilot, proficient in both high wing and low wing planes: "This turned out to be a real passion and I am psyched that I have the rest of my life to enjoy and grow with it" • **LORI BROGLIO Severens** and family moved to Cairo, Egypt in January. She is working as regional communications officer for the U.S. Agency for Development. Children Soren and Thea like the camels, donkeys, and trips into the desert • **DUSTIN WELLS** and wife Patti of San Francisco CA welcomed daughter Nora last March. Dustin won the Penknife Fiction Award and was a finalist for the Zoetrope Fiction contest.

1995

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GRETA SCOTT Selden of Mechanicsville VA and husband Stephen welcomed second child Landon in 2006. Brother William (2) is thrilled • **CARLA CUSTIS Russell** of Midlothian VA is a human resources integration manager for Dominion Resources Services, and is responsible for leading HR efforts related to acquisitions and divestitures.

1996

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KATHRYN "FIELD" SYDNOR of Richmond VA married Walter in December 2006. Squirrels in attendance included **KATHERINE KREBS Kogel**, **MARY KATHERINE EVANS Hogg**, **JENNIFER KELSAY**, **LAUREN McGEE**, **ASHLEY WHALEN Johnson**, **RANDALL "RANDY" HORNE Cullen**, **SARAH BARR Clark '97**, and **ANN GORDON ABBOTT Evans '65** •**TAMARA AVIS Smith** of Wilmington NC, husband Jason, and daughter Vivian announced the arrival of Martha in November 2006 • **MARTA GALOPIN Kalleberg** of Mesa AZ and Jack welcomed son Kristian in May 2007 • **KERRY ROLAND Martinez** of Virginia Beach VA and Nick announced the birth of son John in February 2007. Kerry is a senior account executive with Anthem • **JENNIFER HOPKINS Rittling** of Atlanta GA and husband Charles welcomed son Charles last spring.

1997

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We had a blast at Reunion last March with a fabulous turnout and many opportunities to reconnect. What great women we have become! Our class is experiencing a baby boom. In 2006, **LESLIE COKER Crocker** of Norfolk VA and Warren welcomed Olivia; **TAMBERLY "TAMMY" HILKER Congdon** of Germantown MD welcomed son Riley; **ELIZABETH "RENEE" GIBSON Dunford** of Fredericksburg VA was blessed with son Conner, and **CRYSTAL CASTEEN Pullen** of Warsaw NC and Kirk had Isabelle. In 2007 **SUZANNAH MEYER Zachos** of Columbia MD and Nick greeted first child Anastasia. Ana is the niece of **KATY MEYER Hulse '02** In the true spirit of Mary Baldwin, she is also the happy recipient of 3 more unofficial aunts: **LINDSEY NORTON Caines, BETH SILVERMAN Sprenkle,** and **LEIGH WHITT League** • **SUSAN SMITH Alsdorf** of Wayne NJ has a master's from Fairleigh Dickinson University and works for Blue Sky, a small consulting firm • **NICOLE MEDINA** of Staunton VA is an adult protective social worker for the City of Staunton. Last summer, she was honored as City Employee of the Year • **INDIRA SHAIK** of Ellicott City MD works as a prevention and wellness coordinator for a managed care organization and is working on her master's degree • **LEIGH WHITT League** of Mechanicsville VA and husband Shelton have 2 sons, Patrick and Tanner. **BETH SILVERMAN Sprenkle** of Bristow VA is the boys' godmother. Leigh is a line of business leader for Hewitt Associates and teaches online business classes for University of Phoenix • **ANGELA WOOD Porter** of Roanoke VA earned a master's degree in social work, got married, and "best of all, gave birth to son Ty Dylan Porter." Angela is a licensed clinical social worker.

1998

REUNION '08

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MEREDITH MOLTENI Luck of Richmond VA tied the knot with Frederick in October 2006. Many MBC friends were there to celebrate • **EMILY ALEXANDER Douglas** of Nashville TN and husband Kris welcomed first child Eleanor in March 2007 • **RHONDA JOHNSON Edmunds** of Charlottesville VA published the debut issue of *The Light Magazine* (*www.thelightmag.net*). This quarterly publication is the first of its kind in the area and is dedicated to highlighting the Central Virginia African-American community • **SARA MACKEY Dunn** of King George VA and Dan welcomed Isaac in January. He joins 2 older brothers and a sister. "As a homeschooling mother of four, I stay busy, but find time to volunteer at my church" • **CHARISSA STOUFFER Larson** of Leesburg VA and Michael welcomed first child Tyler in January • **ANNE WAGNER** of Roanoke VA was honored with a celebratory luncheon by MBC friends **FRANCESCA RUSK-Wallace** of Dumfries VA and **SUSAN NICHOLS Wright** of Washington DC, both Class of '97, on the occasion of her relocation and new job. Anne is a graphic designer for Carilion Health Systems • **REBECCA MORRISON Jackson** of Hyattsville MD married Geoffrey in August 2006. Both are employed by the Census Bureau. "Two MBC grads were at our wedding, **SHANNON BAYLIS Sarino '99** of Rockville MD and **HOLLY SOUTH '99** of Callaway MD" • **KATHERINE "KATE" LANGLOIS Faraci** and Steve of Menakin-Sabot VA welcomed first child Stephen in February.

1999

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LEILA McINTYRE King of Winston-Salem NC and husband Chris welcomed second child Scarlett in January 2007. She joins brother Jack (3) • **SHANNON BAYLIS Sarino** of Rockville MD was promoted to supervising editor for *The View* newspapers, four publications in Elliott City, Western Howard County, Elkridge and Catonsville MD. Shannon and husband Ernie enjoy daughter Gaby (4) • **ANNI LORI HILL Foster** of Phoenix AZ and husband David welcomed Will in April 2007. Anni enjoyed three months off from her job as an assistant attorney general for the state.

2000

Send your class notes to: *alumnae@mbc.edu* by January 18. **MELODYE HUGHES Paruszkiewicz** of Chesterfield VA married Patrick in August 2005. The couple welcomed first child Mira in April 2007. Melodye is an elementary math specialist for Hopewell City Schools • **SARAH LANGLOIS Luther** and Steve of Lynchburg VA have 3 children: Madison (4) and twins Austin and Emma, who were born in January 2006 • **LAURA FRENCH Pearson** of Abilene TX and Brian just welcomed third son Jonathan, who joins brothers Boyd and Levi. She started school again this fall • **JENNIFER KNOXVILLE** of Staunton VA is a teacher • **REBECCA CUSTER Snyder** of Summerhill PA married Mark in 2003 and is a physician's assistant. They built a new home and welcomed daughter Ember last fall.

2001

Contact your class secretary by January 18 with news for your class column: Amberleigh Covell Powell *chrisandal2001@yahoo.com*
KELLY REESE Kaufman of Lexington KY: "I graduated from Austin Theological Seminary with a master of divinity degree and am seeking a call as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church." Kelly wed Evan in June at MBC • **AMANDA TYNER Ironmonger** lives in Chesapeake VA with husband Sean and puppy Alex. She teaches eighth grade • **ASHLEY ADAMS Miller** and husband Joe live in Hutto TX with son Adam (3) • **MELINDA "MINDY" TODD** moved to San Jose CA.

2002

Contact your class secretary by January 18 with news for your class column: Anna Henley *annalhenley@hotmail.com*
MEREDITH TOWNSEND Carrington of Richmond VA and Bobby welcomed first child Robert in May 2007 • **A'LEIGH SPENSIERI Hamner** of Ypsilanti MI: "I moved to Michigan and married Tray in August 2007" • **KYLENE CRAIG Thompson** of Bon Air VA reports that her husband is deployed. She is caring for son Reece (3) and pursuing a master's in art education • **KRISTEN BRYANT Gould** of Midlothian VA and husband Lee welcomed daughter Bridget in 2006. She is a marketing communications coordinator for Alfa Laval, Inc.'s USA Division • **WINDSOR HALL Johnson** of Manassas VA is a stay-at-home mom and substitute dance teacher • **BETH CHAPMAN-Ford** "Greetings from San Diego CA. My husband Cliff returned last January from overseas deployment and daughter Marin is almost 2." Beth works at Sony Playstation • **EMILY ALLEN Giancristoforo** lives in Richmond VA with Hannah, who was born in April. She is director of operations for a non-profit organization that helps connect families of children with disabilities and community resources and educational opportunities • **CHINYELU "CHI-CHI" CHIEMELU Tyler** of Claymont DE and husband Chaz had daughter Anaiah in July. She joins brother Avon (2) • **CASEY BRENT** of Baltimore MD: "Shortly after our reunion, I became the proud owner of White Tent Events *www.awhitetentevent.com)*, my own event planning business with help from classmates **AMANDA DAVIS Holloway** and **MEREDITH TOWNSEND Carrington** and **KIMBERLY MOREHEAD '01**. I am going back to school for my doctorate."

2003

REUNION '08

Contact your class secretary by January 18 with news for your class column: Elizabeth Hill *hilleg@gmail.com*
Greetings classmates! **JENNIFER CHEATHAM** bought a new house in Sandston VA with boyfriend Jeff and their son Matthew, who was born in 2006 • **LINDSAY MORRIS-Martin** of Stuarts Draft VA married Michael in 2005 and is excited about beginning her nursing career • **HOLLY MOSKOWITZ** of Fort Bragg CA works for the Thanksgiving Coffee Company, a socially responsible company specializing in fair trade, organic, and shade grown coffees sourced from all over the world. She is also taking an anatomy course and learning to play cello • **ROBIN WHITE** of Fairfax VA is executive assistant to the associate librarian of strategic initiatives/chief information officer at the Library of Congress • **KELLY GURLEY Roberts** of Norfolk VA passed the Virginia Bar Exam in June • **KRISTIN COOPER Mullen** moved to Odenton MD to be a commander in the Air Force. She and Keith have a baby daughter, Kaitlyn.

2004

Contact your class secretary by January 18 with news for your class column: Lea Thompson *sunshine3482@yahoo.com*
SUSANNAH BASKERVIL Pittman of Dothan AL graduated from seminary at Emory University, married Lonnie and became associate pastor of First United Methodist Church in Enterprise AL • **JENNIFER CARMAN Lovell** of Virginia Beach VA gave birth to first child Cyrus in September 2006 • In Centerville WA, **CATRINA METTAM** bought a 60-acre farm: "I'm doing what I have always wanted to do: live in the country and raise horses and livestock" • **BARBARA ZSELECZKY Hurd** of Charlottesville VA published the book *Back to My Knitting*, which is available at *www.bn.com* or wherever books are sold • **DRISANA GARLINGTON-Rodriguez** of Philadelphia PA is working in financial aid at Villanova University. She and Juan have daughter Daniella (2).

2005

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2006

Send your class notes to: *alumnae@mbc.edu* by January 18. **SARAH BENKENDORF** of Oak Brook IL became the youngest person in the educational graduate program at Harvard University, where she earned a master's and is certified to teach in Virginia and Illinois. She hopes to be a third-grade teacher. Sarah is singing Puccini's *La Boheme* in Italian at DuPage Opera Theatre • **ASHLEY LUMBARD** of West Haven CT is working in the Office of Counseling and Disabilities at New Haven University. She sends her best wishes to all her friends in the Spencer Society • **ANDREA JETT-Wilson** of Amherst VA gave birth to Andrew in November 2006 • **MARGARET RALSTON** of Staunton VA is a library administrator and interpreter at Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library.

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Send your class notes to: *alumnae@mbc.edu* by January 18. **ALISON KAUFMANN** of Richmond VA is energy conservation communication specialist for Dominion Power. "I will be working on the communication strategies and public relations campaigns for Dominion's conservation programs" • **RACHEL YIM** of Annandale VA is teaching 4th grade at Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School.

Deaths

ELSIE PALMER Fetner '21	May 17, 2007
JANE DOUGLAS SUMMERS Brown '23	July 13, 2007
MARGARET MAUZE Carson '28	June 21, 2007
VIRGINIA MABEN Stokes '32	May 14, 2007
WINIFRED "WINNIE" YOUNG Bowman '38	June 13, 2007
ADELE "DELL" GOOCH Kiessling '38	September 4, 2007
CAROL BOWMAN Coven '39	March 4, 2007
MARY SHEETS Prestwood '39	April 24, 2007
DONNIE FRASER Stitt '40	September 16, 2007
ELIZABETH MCGRATH Anthony '42	March 9, 2007
ANNE HANEKE McGough '44	May 3, 2007
BILLIE JEAN JOSEPH Ameen '46	July 19, 2007
NANCY McFARLANE Bonner '47	July 22, 2007
BETTY LEE EDWARDS Watkins '47	July 6, 2007
NANCY ANDERSON Blakey '49	September 9, 2007
JOAN "JO" MOORE Woltz '49	June 14, 2007
DORIS LIDDLE Newman '53	April 16, 2007
MARNIE GRAF Davidow '59	May 17, 2007
ELIZABETH "BUTCH" WOOD Marks '59	December 17, 2005
ELIZABETH "LIZ" LEHMANN Bradshaw '62	November 11, 1993
SANDRA "SANDY" BOURKARD Lockett '63	October 12, 2006
MARY CHENAULT Bomar '66	July 11, 2007
NANCY WILLIAMSON Lamb '67	September 9, 2007
KATHLEEN "KATHY" AURE '68	July 26, 2007
JOSEPHINE LEIGH SMITH '73	September 2, 2007
EVELYN EAST Diment '76	May 11, 2007
NATALIE ANNETTE DUFNER '85	July 16, 2007
CLYDENNE REINHARD Glenn '88	April 13, 2007
PAIGE WILLHITE Woolwine '88	January 25, 2007
DOROTHY BRYAN BOOTH Kervick '89	April 17, 2007
DAVID GLENN BLEVINS '07	July 1, 2007

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What's it like...

to give more?

It is my pleasure to contribute the attached annual gift to benefit all who are associated with Mary Baldwin. It is unfortunate that I am unable to attend my five-year reunion to celebrate and commemorate the Class of 2002, as I am serving with the 759th Military Police Battalion in Baghdad, Iraq.

Since graduating from Mary Baldwin and commissioning in the United States Army in May of 2002, I have served in numerous capacities from a platoon leader in the Republic of Korea, to the special reaction team officer in charge (S.W.A.T) at Fort Carson, Colorado, to the adjutant of the 759th MP [military police] BN in Iraq.

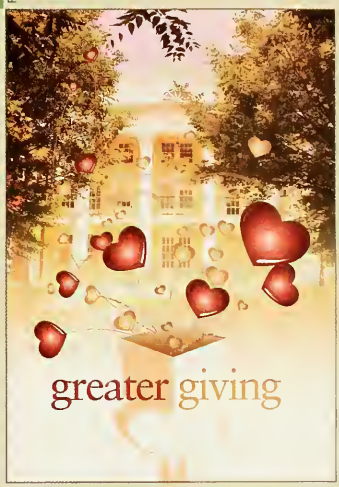
In the performance of my duties I feel as though I continue to exceed the standard, have achieved much, and have done very well. Aside from my wonderful family, I owe a tremendous amount of gratitude for preparing me to accept these roles to Mary Baldwin and the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership. I believe that, at times, the two are viewed as separate from one another, but I stand firm in the knowledge that they are one in the same for me, part of a time-honored tradition, and I am truly grateful for the Mary Baldwin, VWIL experience.

My only humble request as I contribute my annual gift is that all Mary Baldwin women are reminded of their greatness. The women of Mary Baldwin are strong, independent, intellectual, refined, charismatic, selfless, and loyal; continuously seeking ways to improve the conditions they find themselves in. Since arriving in Baghdad, I have come across three of my fellow alumnae from Baldwin: Captains Christina Murray '01, Kristy Wheeler '01, and Rachel O'Connell '02. I have also read the college magazine and other correspondence sent to me by Brigadier General Mike Bissell [commandant of VWIL]. I take pride in seeing the multiple ways in which Mary Baldwin women are serving around the world. I am honored to serve alongside these women of greatness, women like Sarah Small '02, who tragically lost her life in the pursuit of contributing to a stronger nation. In short, I am honored to be part of the Mary Baldwin tradition.

Upon receiving the Bertie Deming Smith Challenge in the mail, with a note signed by my fellow alumna, Staci Boone, I decided to take this challenge. It is the very least I can do to acknowledge and convey a deep gratitude for Mary Baldwin College and all that it offers to bright young women.

Bless Mary Baldwin College and may it serve to strengthen our resolve to continue on in the face of any adversity so that greatness can be achieved. ▲

— Erinn Singman '02



While stationed in Iraq, Captain Singman sent this letter and her very generous gift to her alma mater to make a difference for the Annual Fund. Now stationed at Quantico Marine Corps Base in Virginia, she is doing Marine Corps Expeditionary Training. This is our small way of meeting her request to remind "Mary Baldwin women of their greatness."

Memories of Mary Baldwin College 1940–44

Eva Vines Eutsler '44, Spanish major

L to r: Louise Mitchell '47, Eva Vines Eutsler '44, and Martha Rodrigues '46

Glimpses of Eutsler's MBC: 1940-44

Class Colors: Purple and Gold
Basic attire for the Class of 1944: socks and saddle shoes, sweaters, and skirts just below the knee, and, yes, pearls.

FRESHMAN YEAR 1940-41
Eutsler's extracurriculars: Athletic Association, Day Student Club, Glee Club

John Robert Powers of the famed acting and modeling school for young people in New York City selected the most beautiful girls at MBC that year for the beauty section of *The Bluestocking* yearbook. Pearl Epling '42 placed first.

SGA president: Dorris Withers McNeal '41, sociology major

SOPHOMORE YEAR 1941-42
Eutsler's extracurriculars: Athletic Association, Day Student Club, Spanish Club

Centennial of the school was celebrated at the end of the academic year in June 1942.

William Wayt King Building was under construction.

SGA president: Adelaide McSween '42, sociology major

My mother and father were married when she was 17 years old and he was 34. In the early 1920s he began building a 10-room house for her, believing she would outlive him. I was the youngest of six children. On May 14, 1927 when I was not quite five years old, my mother died as a result of a bungled operation. My father was devastated and sought solace in alcohol. He did not finish the finer aspects of the house such as indoor plumbing. My oldest sister waited as long as she could to marry, which occurred the day after my 13th birthday.

I learned to cook, wash clothes, clean house, and look after my father and the house. We were in the middle of the Great Depression and my father went bankrupt. We had little food and very few clothes to wear. I had little hope of going to college because of the tight economics and the fact that none of my siblings had gone. Fortunately, Dr. Herbert S. Turner [professor of philosophy and Bible], who taught at Mary Baldwin and was pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church (near my hometown of Greenville, Virginia), took an interest in me and got me enrolled. He remained my mentor throughout my college years. I received scholarship aid through the National Youth Administration, but I also had to work in the reference library at Mary Baldwin and in the public library, which was in the YMCA building.

I was only marginally prepared for college. In high school I had an excellent grammar teacher, but we did not write essays. When I went to Mary Baldwin I was up against classmates who had gone to private schools such as Stuart Hall [in Staunton] and who were much better prepared to do college work.

I was a day student at Mary Baldwin and had to get rides or walk from Greenville to Staunton (12 miles). I rode with a barber, a hairdresser, a man who worked at White Star Mills, and others. Fortunately, during my college days, one of my sisters and her family moved back home and hired a maid who took over my household chores.

During this time our church welcomed a new minister. Usually we would get a minister soon to retire or one who was poorly educated and murdered the King's English. This time was different. He was young and a recent graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, where he had studied under some of the great theologians of the 20th century such as Reinhold Neibuhr. For a couple of Sundays after his arrival, I was attending functions at Mary Baldwin and missed church services, but I asked someone what his name was. Eutsler, they said. My comment: "Imagine going through life with a name like that."

I attended Mary Baldwin during World War II years 1940–1944. Martha Grafton [then dean of instruction] helped me determine how many classes I could take without being bogged down. I wanted to take music and art appreciation but did not have the time. One of my older sisters arranged for me to take private voice lessons.

I was in the Glee Club during my first year. Daily chapel was required. I recall one day during the week we had an entertainment show. Several girls stood behind a curtain and tried to imitate popular singers. I imitated Dinah Shore singing *Chattanooga Choo Choo*.

At Christmas time I sang second soprano in *Lo, How a Rose Er'e*

Blooming. The director, Dr. Carl Broman, told us we would have to stay for another practice one night. I told him I couldn't because I had no way to get home. I stayed and he took me home.

Mary Baldwin let out December 15 for Christmas [break] and re-opened January 15. This allowed [wartime] soldiers to use all available transportation to get home for the holidays and back to camp. We had exams twice a year, in January after break and at the end of the second semester. After being on winter break for a month, we had to relearn everything for exams.

We still had May Day at Mary Baldwin. I recall that in my senior year, Mildred Mohun '44 was May Queen. Her attendants were Ann Easterly '44 and, I don't recall who the other one was [Sara Nair '44]. My two attendants were Louise Mitchell '47 and Martha Rodrigues '46.

One of my most vivid memories at Mary Baldwin was the day [March 13, 1942] Helen Keller spoke in First Presbyterian Church. I could understand her [in reference to the effect of deafness on her vocal presentation], but it sounded as if her voice was in a barrel. We each received a card with her autograph written on it. [Keller's niece, Katharine Keller Ewin '45 was a student at MBC at the time.]

Occasionally I would walk to the Alumnae Club House to get a bun or a cup of coffee. The room was so full of smoke, I could hardly see. Most of the girls were playing bridge. [The Cochran home was rented by the college in 1931 and later purchased in 1937 for $14,000. As the Alumnae Club House, located on Frederick and New Streets across from the Administration Building, it housed the offices of the Alumnae Association, whose members ran the club — a lounge and tea room. The association felt it was an effective way to build and maintain relations with current students and future alumnae.]

During my last year, I started dating Kern Eutsler, the new minister at my church. I was impressed with his knowledge. He told me that while he was at Union Theological Seminary, little did he know that the Manhattan Project, which led to the creation of the atomic bomb, was practically in his backyard at Columbia University.

We married October 10, 1945. As I look back on nearly 62 happy years together, our two daughters, and four grandchildren, I am sure Kern [who retired as a bishop in the Methodist Church] would never have married a girl with only a high school education. The answer is always Mary Baldwin College.

Dr. [L. Wilson] Jarman, president of the college, was often heard to say that 98 percent of MBC graduates married. About the only occupations open to women then were nursing, teaching. or secretarial work. Married women were allowed to enter Mary Baldwin for the first time while I was there, because their husbands were soldiers wounded in World War II and were patients at Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Fishersville.

Dances were finally allowed at Mary Baldwin during my early years there, too. They were held in the old Dining Hall and we would hit a post every time we took a step. [By 1943, dances were held in the new gymnasium in King.]

These are some of my memories. ▲

JUNIOR YEAR 1942-43

Eutsler's extracurriculars: Athletic Association, Day Student Club, Spanish Club

First dance in the new gymnasium in King.

Hollywood star Greer Garson came to campus for a War Bond Rally.

War time efforts continued apace, and by this year included making surgical dressings for the Red Cross, buying weekly quotas of war stamps, collecting scrap metal for the war effort, staying physically fit and "prepared," collecting books for soldiers, and more.

SGA president: Kathryn Lucas '43, English major

SENIOR YEAR 1943-44

Eutsler's extracurriculars: Day Student Club, Freshman Advisor, Spanish Club

Commencement, by tradition, was preceded by three days of events, most attended by all students at MBC, including High Tea for seniors hosted by President Jarman and the college deans, faculty and staff concerts, art exhibits, garden party, and May Day Pageant.

SGA president: Josephine Hannah '44, chemistry and biology major

With thanks to William Pollard, college librarian emeritus and college archivist, for his help to fill out historical facts, including names and dates in the memoir.

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:-D	Big grin
:-)	Hey, hey

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